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## Missionaries survive Hugo; relief efforts beginning

By Mary E. Speidel

POINT-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe (BP) — For 12 terrifying hours Sept. 16 and 17, the roaring winds of Hurricane Hugo blew trees, rain and gravel past their home in Guadeloupe.

But Southern Baptist missionaries Dan and Jan O'Dell survived, and so did the house, which sustained only a broken window. The O'Dells live in a house built on solid rock, 50 feet from the shore, in one of the hardest-hit areas on the island. Almost all the homes in their neighborhood were destroyed, along with the homes of 12,000 residents of the island.

"I did not fear personally for our lives," said O'Dell, of Snowville, Va. But during the climax of the storm, when the concrete house vibrated and almost moved, "I suddenly had the feeling that everything was going to go — the house and everything. I just didn't see how the house could take anymore. Yet it kept going."

Four Baptist churches were destroyed on the island, two of which were built by Southern Baptist volunteer teams, O'Dell said. The hurricane leveled a public school. Five people were confirmed dead and more than 80 were injured, according to early reports.

With winds of up to 140 miles per hour, Hugo was reportedly the strongest hurricane to rip through the Caribbean in a decade. After battering Puerto Rico Sept. 18, Hugo missed the Dominican Republic and was headed toward the southern United States.

Puerto Rico, hard hit by Hugo, is a U.S. territory and relates to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. As of noon Wednesday (Sept. 20) telephone lines still were down and the San Juan airport remained closed.

The HMB staff in Atlanta had been unable to talk with any Baptist leaders on the island to determine the extent of damage to the 38 Baptist churches and missions on the island. The HMB supports 31 missionaries in Puerto Rico.

Southern Baptist relief efforts in the wake of the hurricane are being coordinated through the Foreign Mission Board and Brotherhood Commission, said John Cheyne, the board's director of human needs. State Baptist conventions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas have approved applications for relief funds.

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## Certificates of need Ok'd for Baptist Memorial

State Health Officer Alton B. Cobb, M.D., M.P.H., approved certificate of need (CON) applications at a meeting on Sept. 21.

Cobb's approval of applications included:

Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi, Inc., Oxford; expansion of existing services and facilities, capital expenditure: \$297,600.

capital expenditure: \$16,700,500. Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union County, Inc., New Albany; expansion of existing services and facilities, capital expenditure: \$13,737,000.

Baptist Memorial Health Care Development Corporation, Memphis, TN; cost overrun of CON #87042 (mobile MRI equipment), capital expenditure: \$297,600.

Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi have been alerted to organize Brotherhood volunteers. Disaster relief volunteers will help with reconstruction and electrical work, Cheyne said.

Five teams of 10 to 12 people each have been requested for Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Kitts, Antigua and Guadeloupe. The team headed for Guadeloupe was scheduled to depart Sept. 24. Relief efforts in several areas are on hold pending the reopening of communications and airports on some islands, said Bill Damon, the Foreign Mission Board's associate director for Brazil and the Caribbean.

Relief coordinators also are waiting to see if Hugo hits the United States' eastern seaboard Cheyne said. If that occurs, Georgia and Florida Brotherhood volunteers may be needed to help with disaster relief in their states. For that reason, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana have been designated as back-up states for sending volunteer teams to the Caribbean.

The mission board's general relief fund is low, Damon said, and he urged Southern Baptists wanting to aid the Caribbean effort to send contributions designated for general relief.

None of the 131 Southern Baptist missionaries working throughout the Caribbean were harmed, said Damon, and all of them had been contacted by Sept. 20. No missionary residences were destroyed. "There has been extensive water damage, but there's been no major damage to any of the homes," he said. Almost all islands are without electricity and water, he said.

On islands where missionaries work, the most severe damage was reported on Guadeloupe and Montserrat. "Thousands have been left homeless," said Damon. On Montserrat, about 90 percent of the homes were destroyed or seriously damaged, he said.

Missionaries Bill and Elba Womack of Fredericktown, Mo., have weathered some severe storms in their 30 years of living in the Caribbean. But they've never seen a hurricane like Hugo.

"This is the hardest wind we've ever seen. It's the highest and the longest lasting," said Mrs. Womack from St. Martin in the

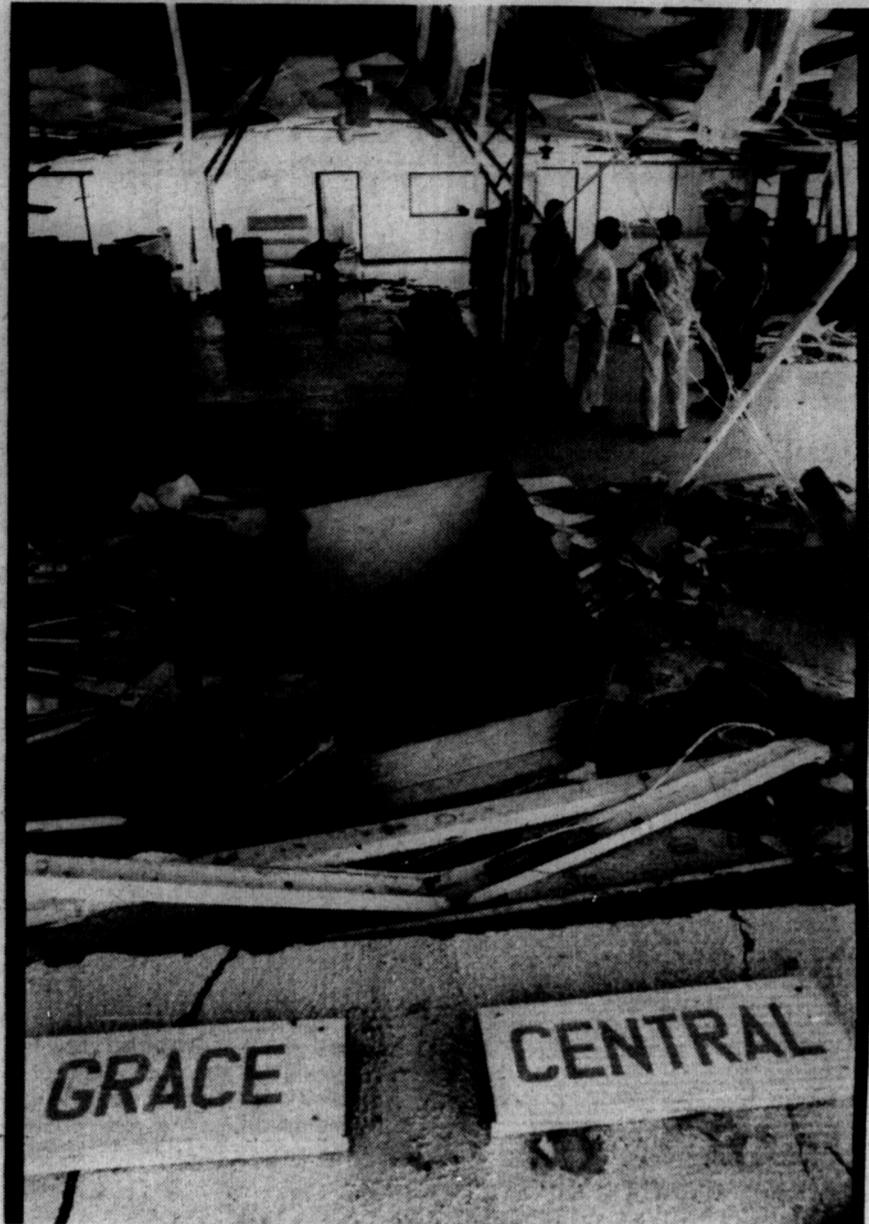
Leeward Islands. The Womacks live on the Dutch side of St. Martin, where Hugo hit Sept. 16 and 17.

At the Womack's home in Cole Bay, winds damaged the roof, ripped off gutters and destroyed fences. "The phone is the only thing that's working," said Mrs. Womack.

In the Netherlands Antilles, the island of St. Eustatius was "hit very hard," said Womack, who is starting new Baptist work there. The roof was blown off Bible Baptist Church, a church where the Womacks have been working.

Extensive damage also was reported on Saba, where a journeyman couple, Bill and Julena Mounce of Somerset, Ky., are working.

On Martinique, missionaries Gerald and Maxine Reeves reported flooding and wind damage but said winds were only about 80-95 miles per hour. The Reeveses, who live in Lamentine, never lost phone service during the storm and lost electricity for only one day. "We were really blessed. We were expecting it to be a lot worse than it was for us," Mrs. Reeves said.



## Hugo showed no grace

Hurricane Hugo demolished Grace Central Baptist Church on the Island of St. Croix, blowing down completely the concrete wall behind the pulpit and ripping off the roof, leaving only the false ceiling below. Pastor Spencer Walwyn estimated damage at \$150,000. (BP) Photo by Jim Newton

## Kentucky association drops church for ordaining women

CORBIN, Ky. (BP) — Kentucky's Zion Baptist Association has voted 93-20 to withdraw fellowship from First Baptist Church of Corbin.

The association's Sept. 15 action is traced to the election and ordination of two women, Ann Hacker and Betty Black, as deacons at First Church a year ago.

The association's credentials committee met last spring with Pastor John Dunaway and the church's deacon chairman and chairman of the deacon nomination committee. No formal recommendation was made to the association by the committee.

Herschel Walker, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church of Corbin, a messenger who introduced the issue at the associational meeting, said: "Our backs were against the wall. Our church bylaws state that qualifications of deacons are those found in I Timothy . . . If they are right, then all our preaching brothers (in the association) have been wrong . . . I certainly hated it. This is a no-win situation, and we Baptists lost."

Walker further expressed concern that Mt. Zion churches might withdraw from the association and join other associations if the action were not taken. "We really had no other choice," he said.

Raising the question at the associational meeting, Walker said: "Can we . . . continue to fellowship with a church that does not interpret the

Scriptures as we do? I don't think we can. Therefore, . . . I move that Mt. Zion Association disfellowship the First Baptist Church of Corbin."

Dunaway is a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and was chairman of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee earlier this decade.

"We hold no ill will," Dunaway told the Western Recorder, the Kentucky Baptist weekly newsjournal. "In all likelihood, we will continue to support certain mission projects developed by our director of missions in the rural areas of our association. First Baptist Church has had a harmonious working relationship in Mt. Zion."

"This is an unfortunate situation that should not have taken place. It is a continuation of problems of ideology of the Southern Baptist Convention in a narrow interpretive position that does not allow for freedom of difference."

Janus Jones, Mt. Zion director of missions, said, "After a year of debate among pastors and some of the churches, it is my opinion we have reached a point where we go on and pick up the pieces and be the organization the Lord wants."

Meanwhile, First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, also a member of Mt. Zion Association, responded with a resolution adopted by unanimous vote at a Sept. 20 business conference.

The resolution objects to and

reproves "the recent action taken by the Mt. Zion Association in withdrawing fellowship from the First Baptist Church of Corbin, as it is not in keeping with the best traditions of Baptist principles." The resolution also supports "the right of the First Baptist Church of Corbin to decide matters within its own congregation without outside influence save that of God."

Harold Mauney, pastor of the Williamsburg church, resigned from the association's executive board and other associational committee assignments.

## Oral Roberts says he'll close hospital, school

TULSA, Okla. (EP) — Oral Roberts will close his City of Faith Hospital and Medical School, and sell his home to try to compensate for a \$25 million deficit caused by declining donations. Roberts also announced that four other ministry-owned homes, including his son Richard's house, and an 830-unit housing complex for married students, will be sold.

Roberts told a campus news conference that the 777-bed hospital will close by Jan. 1, and the medical school will shut down when classes end next May. The five homes and the housing complex will be sold as soon as a buyer is found.

# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## A missions visit

A few weeks ago, the editors of the state papers across the Southern Baptist Convention were invited to Birmingham to visit the Woman's Missionary Union. The ladies hosted us in their new building, which most of us had not seen before.

They were very gracious hostesses, and the weekend was a delightful occasion.

Though she was not the executive director when the invitation was issued for the visit, the new executive director, Dr. Dellanna O'Brien, had been on the job for two weeks when we were there; and we had the opportunity to get acquainted with her. This also proved to be a delightful situation, for she is also a very gracious lady.

Mrs. O'Brien has an earned doctorate and has spent a lifetime in missions work. She and her husband, Bill, were members of Wilshire Church, Dallas, when they surrendered to foreign missions work and became missionaries to Indonesia. Bill at that time was minister of music at the church. His career with the Foreign Mission Board carried him to the post of executive vice-president. So Dellanna understands missions.

The entertainment at the WMU building took many forms, and I was

awarded a prize for participating in a game show. It was a foreign mission study book titled *Sent to Love*. It is the story of Mississippi missionaries emeritus Charles and Indy Whitten. The book was written by Anne McWilliams, the assistant editor of the *Baptist Record*. I was glad to get it.

The WMU building is beautiful and is in a lovely setting as it sits at the top of one of Birmingham's hills. Apply enough, this one is called New Hope Mountain.

One of the main features of satisfaction that I experienced was pausing in the schedule long enough to rock on the Patterson Porch, named for Marjean Patterson, the executive director of Mississippi WMU. The rockers and everything else on the porch were made in Mississippi and furnished by Mississippians. The porch is actually enclosed in plexiglass or some other such material, so that it is all-weather.

Other activities of the weekend were equally gracious. We attended a football game at Samford University as guests of the president of the university, Dr. Tom Corts; and sat in his enclosed box. We were guests of the university for dinner before the game.

We also attended First Baptist Church, Birmingham, and fellowshiped with its new pastor, Dr. Robert Baggott. We were treated to lunch there. The Drs. O'Brien presented special music as Bill sang and Dellanna accompanied him at the piano.

On Friday evening we were the guests of the WMU for a dessert party and for lunch at the WMU building on Saturday.

In addition to meeting the new executive director, we were faced with the time for saying goodbye to an associate executive director, Catherine Allen. Catherine also has given her life to missions through her service with the Woman's Missionary Union, but she is moving to a post at Samford — first to help plan the university's sesquicentennial. So she will continue to be on the scene. Her husband is Dr. Lee Allen, dean of the School of Fine Arts at Howard College of Samford University.

The ladies made us feel welcome indeed and taught us much about missions.

One thing noted in particular was the tremendous impact on missions that is exerted by the Mississippi WMU and by Mississippi Baptists generally.

## Guest opinion . . .

## Abundant life vs. trophies and championship accusation

### Part 1 of 2 Parts

By Jim Tramel

In the quiet valley southeast of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, there in the hearts of the Amish-Mennonite people, lies a secret. A visitor senses right away that these gentle, non-aggressive, disciplined people know something that the cultured mainstream of America has forgotten! Furthermore, the visitor learns that these plain people practice what they know.

But what is this secret all about, and what is the secret itself? The secret is all about successful living generally and enjoyable home life particularly. The secret itself happens to be certain firmly held beliefs to which the Amish-Mennonite people pay for with more than mere lip service.

Yet, in terms of happiness and productivity, these plain people live a life envied by many. Humility without self-effacement, prosperity without materialism, and austerity without poverty. These traits are the keystones of the plain peoples' philosophy and life.

The prayer of Jesus to his heavenly father that his followers would be "in the world but not of the world" seems to describe aptly the outlook of the plain people. Steeped in a tradition that thrives on individualism, they have held their own in withstanding modern changes which they feel are

detrimental to their deepest convictions.

Unlike mainstream American culture, which pushes children from innocence to knowledge, which rushes them into adulthood and institutionalizes them in their old age, Amish-Mennonite society centers on two things: (1) loving protection of the young, and (2) respectful attention to the elderly. While general American culture worships youth but holds to its young people with a long, loose rope, the plain people extol the wisdom that comes with age and painstakingly guards their young from influences that would thwart their growth toward wise adulthood. Their childrearing is by no means limited to restriction and prohibition, however. Amish-Mennonite children are actively trained to work. During the time when the child so vitally needs a mother and a father, these plain parents are there not only to instruct but to instill.

If one examined the methods of the Amish-Mennonite family, facts would reveal factors which most assuredly contribute to the moral training of their youth. Parents are there to guide and lead the adolescent into adulthood and beyond. Parents consider it their moral obligation and responsibility to enhance each child with his God-given right to security and happiness and to continue that feeling of well being into the next generation.

The young Amish-Mennonite child is not showered with meaningless

gifts. He or she learns from parents that gifts must have value only in a spiritual frame of reference. It is the act of giving that gives value to a gift. Therefore, the giver becomes the exalted one, because it is the giver, not the gift, that has the capacity for love.

If one attended an Amish-Mennonite church, an amazing detail would be observed. The behavior of the children from the youngest to the oldest during a two-and-a-half to three hour church service would be impeccable. To the careful observer, it would seem that the disciplined behavior is derived not from a fear of the parents' power over the children but from the parents' love and concern for the child.

Typically, when we deal with power to control we always know where we are because our position is known. However, this scene of children sitting quietly and respectfully alongside adults for a lengthy time reveals that plain parents think and operate from a point of values — love, respect, high expectation and not from a point of authority roles.

In the plain homes, two words, discipline and love, can be used interchangeably. As a result, self-worship does not enslave the young child. Instead, security and contentment prevail, leading the child to want to be a part of the loving family.

Additionally, parents feel accountable for rearing their children in the fear of God. To fail in this responsibility

is to leave a blemish on the church and to lose hope of spending eternity with them in heaven.

In every facet of the plain peoples' life, children are strongly motivated toward the expectations and roles of adults. The dear teaching is "if you can't learn from old people, you can't learn." Amish-Mennonite parents are aware that children learn by example rather than by word alone. Gentle, loving parents with mostly eighth grade educations know that they must themselves, furnish role models for their young.

Since the early 1700s, the plain people have remained an individualistic people, successfully disregarding the homogenizing world of modern society. Not clubs, bridge parties, ball games, nor P-TA meetings characterize their life today, for these activities would be considered interferences or hindrances to family life. Oblivious to wealth, position, popularity, and self-love, the plain people live their lives free of the competitive spirit that pervades American life.

(To be continued)

Jim Tramel of Raleigh teaches in the Lake school system. He was assisted in the preparation of this material by Roger Hines, a native of the Harperville area who was teacher of the year last year in Atlanta, Ga. Both are Baptist laymen.

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"There is none righteous, no, not one." — Romans 3:10

Paul is talking about both Jews and Gentiles. None is righteous, not even up to one. If you start to count the righteous, you will not even get up to one. In verses 11-18 Paul speaks as a philosopher (vv. 11-12), a physician (vv. 13-14), and a historian (vv. 15-18).

Philosopher: No one understands or seeks God. All have gone astray. "Unprofitable" may read "garbage" or something fit only to be thrown away. Not even one does good. A zero.

Physician: Throat is rotten, smells like an open grave with a decaying body. They are lying tongues. Poison like that of an asp is under their lips. Their mouth is filthy, full of cursing and bitterness.

Historian: Feet swift to shed blood; they leave in their wake destruction and misery. The way of peace is not known to them. There is no fear of God before their eyes.

This is a terrible picture. But honesty demands that we admit its truth. This describes mankind without God. Yet he loved us enough to seek our redemption in his Son. We will never change the world from without. It must come from within. Not social reform but soul regeneration is the hope of the world. And that comes only through the gospel and man's faith in him who makes it possible.

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# State Baptist convention will be at FBC, Jackson

"Celebrating the Past . . . Capturing the Future" is the theme of the 1989 Mississippi Baptist Convention which takes place Nov. 13-15 at First Church, Jackson.

The program begins with a call to worship by the Mississippi Singing Churchmen at 6:45 p.m., Nov. 13, after a 6:30 concert by that group.

Speakers for the convention, which runs five sessions, closing at noon on Nov. 15, include Don Wilton, Bill O'Brien, Jim Futral, Tommy Vinson, and E.V. Hill.

Wilton is a professor of preaching at New Orleans Seminary from South Africa. O'Brien is executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Futral is second term president of the convention

and will be giving his presidential address. Tommy Vinson is pastor of Crossgates Church, Brandon, and will deliver the annual sermon. And Hill, a National Baptist, is pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

This year's convention will consider adoption of a \$19 million Cooperative Program budget and will elect a new convention president. Futral, pastor of Broadmoor, Jackson, has served two one year terms.

Bringing special music during the convention will be Bill O'Brien; the Broadmoor Church, Jackson, choir; the Crossgates Church, Brandon, choir; the Parkway Church, Jackson, choir; Charlotte (Mrs. Bill) Causey; and the First Church, McComb, choir.

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## Disaster unit returns to state from Charleston

The Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Unit returned home from Charleston, S.C., Oct. 10 after serving 9,500 hot meals and lots of cups of coffee to victims of Hurricane Hugo.

The unit stayed on site in North Charleston at Charleston Heights Baptist Church for eight days. It took two days to travel each way between Mississippi and Charleston.

On site coordinator Jim Didlake of the Brotherhood Department which sponsors the ministry, said that power was back on in the community the unit served and that "the need had been met," he said. Other potential serving sites were covered by other groups, he added.

Didlake said this was a different type of relief experience because the work fell totally on the Mississippi team with only a small number of local volunteers able to assist.

"Because of that, better personal relationships were built with the people. (Continued on page 8)

### Baptists sending food

By Mary E. Speidel

PLYMOUTH, Montserrat (BP) — Southern Baptists are sending emergency food and supplies to Montserrat and several other Caribbean islands hit by Hurricane Hugo.

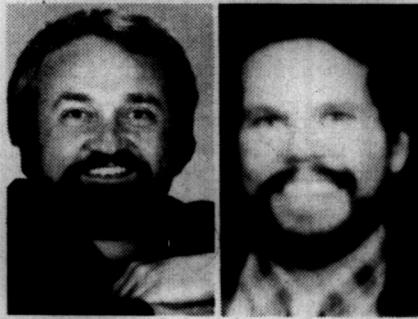
Montserrat, in the Leeward Islands, was left in shambles when Hugo ripped through the area Sept. 16 and 17. A hospital, Baptist church and parsonage were destroyed on the island.

About 90 percent of the island's 13,000 people were left homeless, but (Continued on page 7)



Barksdale

St. Clair



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## Futral: Prayer vigil for MBC

### My Fellow Mississippi Baptists:

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is just around the corner. November 13-15 will soon be here. For many reasons, this will be a most meaningful and momentous convention. For one reason, the gracious members of First Baptist Church, Jackson, will welcome us to use their new sanctuary for our meeting place. They will have occupied it only weeks before we come and are kind beyond our ability to thank them in letting us use their facilities. You will want to see them.

Another reason you will want to be present is because this year is one of those rare transitional periods when Mississippi Baptists will have the privilege to say thank you to a great leader and turn and say welcome to the man God has brought to the front to lead our state. Dr. Earl Kelly will be honored and Dr. Bill Causey will sense our support as he guides us into the decade of the 90s.

Another reason why you do not want to miss this convention is because Mississippi Baptists will be involved in that process to elect a new president. It has been my joyful opportunity to serve you and to serve with

you, Mississippi Baptists. Soon, a new selection will be made. You and the messengers duly elected from your church need to be a part of this process. Together we seek God to find the person he would select.

Finally, but most importantly, our new executive director-treasurer has called us to pray for revival. Many of you have said to me and to Dr. Causey that you honestly and earnestly have entered into an unceasing prayer vigil for God to intervene in our state to bring waves of heavenly revival to our churches. Somehow God must intervene to re-ignite the hearts of discouraged pastors, to rekindle a vision of reaching a lost world in our churches, and to empower us to march outward and upward, triumphantly in the name of Jesus. Could it be that the 1989 Mississippi Baptist Convention, while we will hear reports and sermons and addresses and sing songs, will be a moment in time when God will find his people so receptive that he can again let the fire fall? My prayer is that it will be so, and I want you to be a part of it.

Expectantly,  
Jim Futral

## Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams

## Mississippi answers call

When a call went out for 50 nurses to come to the hurricane-lashed Virgin Islands, guess what state Elmer Gober at the Home Mission Board called first? Right. Mississippi. As a result, 14 nurses left Monday morning, Oct. 9, on a Delta flight from Jackson, headed toward the islands, to do all they can to alleviate the suffering that arrived with Hugo. More nurses are needed, at least throughout this month including student nurses, LPNs, RNs.

Gober called Ashley McCaleb, consultant in the WMU Department who works with the Baptist Nursing Fellowship of the state. After Ashley called officers and other representatives of BNF, she got an invitation from Lisa Eichelberger, dean of the School of Nursing at Mississippi College, to speak to a class of student nurses. She did, and her excitement over the possibilities of this opportunity for service rubbed off on her listeners.

Before she got back to her office in the Baptist Building an hour later, a telephone call had preceded her, and she found a note on her desk that 12 nurses from Mississippi College were ready to go — 10 students and two faculty!

First Church, Clinton, initiated and undergirded the funding. Broadmoor, Jackson, also contributed. Jim Futral, Broadmoor pastor, said to Mrs. Nash, "Thank you for calling, so we could help participate in this."

The two faculty members of the MC School of Nursing who went are Kaye Wilson and Avis Haynes. Since Avis grew up in Barbados, she speaks Spanish, and that will be an asset to the team.

The ten senior nursing students at MC who went are Lacy Coleman, Nichole Merritt, Dewana Bobo, Diane Yelverton, Tracy Barham, Kimberly Tadlock, Sonia Marshburn, Patricia Vaughn, Jennifer Flemming, and

Cynthia Cooper. Classes they miss will be videotaped, so they can catch up on them when they return.

Two other nurses, not from Mississippi College, had also volunteered to go with the group. They are Regina Gunter, who works in the hospital at Lucedale, and Wanda Dubuisson, Hattiesburg, who teaches at USM.

These nurses were to fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Mark Sly, missionary with the Home Mission Board and a coordinator of relief efforts, was to meet them there and arrange their transportation to St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

They are to work for one week at hospitals, shelters, and community health services, and also collect data on hurricane victims.

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## Urgent: Nurses needed for Virgin Islands

An urgent request for 50 nurses to help with medical needs for victims of Hurricane Hugo has come to Mississippi Baptist Nursing Fellowship from the Home Mission Board, according to Ashley McCaleb, consultant, state WMU Department.

Nurses are needed on the islands of St. Croix, St. John's, and St. Thomas. Volunteers will need to pay their own transportation to and from Puerto Rico. Food, lodging, and transportation while on the islands will be provided.

For further information, contact Ashley McCaleb, BNF Coordinator, WMU Department, Baptist Building, telephone 968-3800.

# Ex. Com. limits "memorial" discussion of funding system

By Mark Wingfield

NASHVILLE (BP) — A "memorial" sent from Virginia Baptists to the Southern Baptist Convention could be addressed next February in a meeting between Virginia Baptist leaders and members of the SBC Executive Committee.

However, the scope of the discussion has been limited to "matters related to the funding of cooperative ministries," by a Liaison Committee named to receive the "memorial." The committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, adopted a purpose statement, historical background, and set of parameters during their initial meeting Sept. 18.

The Virginia memorial was sent to messengers at the 1989 SBC annual meeting, who referred the matter to the Executive Committee. The seven-member Liaison Committee was established by the Executive Committee last February to deal with such matters. Four Virginia representatives met briefly with the liaison committee Sept. 18 to request a formal dialogue.

The liaison committee has invited members of Virginia's Task Force on the Denominational Crisis to meet with them in Nashville Feb. 19, 1990.

Virginia representatives had requested an earlier meeting with the liaison committee in order to bring a report to the annual convention of the Baptist General Association of Virginia in November. But due to scheduling conflicts, the committee could not find an acceptable date before February.

"We're happy to receive their proposal and will give consideration to their proposal," said Reginald McDonough, executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. "We are disappointed that their schedule would not permit a meeting prior to our general association meeting, but we look forward to meeting with them in February."

"It appears they are going to limit it to discussion of the Cooperative Program," he noted. "While we would like to have broader discussions than that, we are pleased to talk with them

about this issue because it is a very critical issue."

The Virginia memorial asks to open a continuing dialogue between the Baptist General Association of Virginia and the SBC. It raises five major issues for consideration: (1) continuing support of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, (2) allowing for "negative designation" of Cooperative Program funds, (3) the nature of SBC theological education, (4) allowing the Virginia Association to nominate its two representatives for the SBC Committee on Committees, and (5) developing a "new style of relating" between the state and national bodies.

Parameters set by the liaison committee will likely eliminate some of those issues from consideration. The parameters state that the committee may:

— Receive formal communications from Southern Baptist bodies when referred by the SBC Executive Committee;

— Engage in dialogue "only concerning matters which relate specifically to the joint efforts of Southern Baptist bodies in cooperative ministries;"

— Receive as information any instruments of communication from ad hoc Southern Baptist bodies or groups without obligation to respond;

— Not respond to charges or attacks against itself or against others, nor engage in questioning the actions and impugning the motives or character of any Southern Baptist.

The parameters were prepared in advance of the meeting by liaison committee chairman Julian Motley of Durham, N.C. The committee adopted the parameters without change.

Based upon those parameters, Motley also presented a purpose statement which the committee adopted.

It says, in part: "The task of the SBC Liaison Committee is not to seek to define or to address theological or political issues, since they are the internal affairs of each autonomous Baptist body. Its task is, rather, to seek to find a common ground for continuing cooperation and fellowship in mission between the SBC and other autonomous Baptist bodies which ad-

mits to the reality of theological diversity but which stays short of discussion or debate of the internal affairs of any Baptist body."

Motley also presented a six-page document outlining a historical perspective of the committee's task.

Motley noted that the committee's existence and assignment are "not without precedent" but are unusual. He cited previous inter-convention dialogues in 1918 and 1930 when Maryland Baptists sent memorials to the SBC.

"It appears in our Southern Baptist history that all dialogue between the SBC and state bodies has been confined to matters relating to the collection and disbursal of Cooperative Program and other denominational monies," Motley said. "There is no precedent to our knowledge in Southern Baptist Convention history of any joint effort between the SBC and state bodies to decide any issues relating to the internal affairs one of another, only to seek to achieve satisfactory agreement on the division of cooperative funds."

Cooperation between state conventions and the SBC in channelling funds to national causes is a "matter of convenience" and may be changed at any time, the document notes.

But discussing doctrinal issues adopted by the autonomous bodies is a different matter, Motley said. "There appears to be no precedent for opening a door to dialogue between bodies in which representatives of one body may call into question, or propose change in the internal nature of actions of another body."

"Autonomy would cease to exist at the door of any Baptist body into which official representatives of another Baptist body took the first step toward seeking to influence its internal affairs," he said.

Currently, the SBC has received the Virginia memorial and a "Conservative Response" to that document. At least one other body, the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, is currently considering sending a formal communication to the SBC.

Mark Wingfield writes for the Atlanta bureau of BP.

## MC forum schedules lecturer on terrorism

"Terrorism Today" will be the topic for the Mississippi College Social Science Forum, scheduled for Oct. 24, with Duke Ronald de Valderano, president of the Advisory Council of the Research Institute for the Study of Conflict and Terrorism, headquartered in London, as the guest lecturer.

The program is set for 7 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room of the B. C. Rogers Student Center and the public is invited. There will be no admission charged.

The duke is a leading European commentator on defense and foreign affairs and is currently traveling throughout the world addressing the subjects of subversive warfare, NATO and the Alliance, and the history and development of terrorism in Italy and Western Europe.

His lecture presents a general outline of the history of terrorism, who the terrorists are, and what they want. He also discusses terrorism's threat to the Alliance and the U.S.

## Castlewoods tithes, money covers promises

At the end of July last year, Castlewoods Church, Brandon, had a bank balance of \$899.40 and a \$1,000 insurance premium due. Said a member, "Our mission giving the previous couple of years had been infrequent. Each month, after bills were paid, maybe there would be a little given to the Cooperative Program."

Last September, when the church budget was approved, it included \$240 to missions to be paid first each month.

Then in January, with finances already improving, the church's interim pastor, Danny Rutland, asked the congregation in business meeting what they asked of members. Ten percent — a tithe — was the answer. His challenge was for the church to do the same for missions.

On faith, the congregation voted to increase Cooperative Program giving

to ten percent. By the end of the third quarter of this year, church gifts had increased nine percent, more than enough to cover the increased mission giving.

As of the end of this July, the church had a balance of \$13,100, and Rutland said he expects to challenge the congregation to bigger goals.

Said one member, "We have seen firsthand how tithing individually and cooperatively as a church has enriched our lives by God's blessing on our gifts. I had never witnessed as visible a response as the one experienced in our church by putting God's work in missions first."

Another said that "giving more to missions seems to bring our small church more into the mainstream of Baptist life." And still another called God "the greatest accountant anyone could ever hope for."



## Music suite named for Forbus

First Church, Greenville, recently honored Kenneth Forbus, (left) associate pastor for administration and senior adults, for 35 years of service to First Church. He served for 25 years as minister of music before becoming associate pastor. The newly renovated music suite was dedicated in his honor "The Kenneth Forbus Music Suite." Pictured on the right is Bill Beckman, chairman of music committee. Kiely Young is pastor.

## MBC budget "on target" after revisions enacted

The 1989 Cooperative Program budget of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is right on target, according to an announcement by Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

September gifts through the Cooperative Program total \$1,575,971, and for the year thus far, \$14,256,772. That nine month amount is \$180,597 more than that given by participating churches in 1988.

The 1989 total is also just under the amount budgeted for the first nine months of the year. Recently, the convention board dropped \$1 million from the 1989 budget of \$20,110,541. After the budget reduction, the pro rata amount for January through

September would be \$14,327,655.

This means the budget is only \$70,883 behind. Had the board not changed the budget, income would have been \$820,883 behind. All convention agencies have reduced spending for 1989 accordingly.

## Belen honors Jewel White

A surprise event was held on Sept. 17, when Jewel White was honored by Belen Church, Quitman County, in recognition of her 40 years of service to the church as organist, choir director, and Sunday School teacher.

Tributes were paid; gifts presented by the church were a plaque in calligraphy, declaring her talents and services rendered; three dozen long-stemmed roses, and a love offering, along with gifts from other friends.

Women of the church served a meal for those present. Jackie Yow is pastor.

## N.O. extension center schedule announced

NEW ORLEANS — The schedule of classes has been announced for Term II of the 1989-90 academic year at the Clinton and Newton, extension centers of New Orleans Seminary.

All courses accredited for the master of divinity and master of arts in Christian education degree programs are held at Mississippi College. Courses for the associate of divinity degree program are held at Clarke College.

Registration for master's level courses will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Mississippi College. Classes will meet on Mondays, Oct. 16 through Dec. 11.

Master's level courses offered during Term II will be "Archaeology and the Expansion of Christianity" (1-5 p.m.), and "Advanced Field Education" (6-10 p.m.).

Registration for associate's level courses will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, for Monday classes and Tuesday, Oct. 17, for Tuesday classes at Clarke College.

Associate's level classes offered during Term II will be "Introduction to Amos/Hosea" (6:30-10 p.m. Mondays), and "Interpretation of Revelation" (6:30-10 p.m. Tuesdays).

For more information, contact the Registry Office, New Orleans Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La., 70126, or call (504) 282-4455.

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# R.A. Day will have Tim Glaze as speaker

R.A. Day will take place Oct. 28 at Mississippi College and includes a missionary speaker, music, testimonies from the Mississippi College football team, dinner, and the football game between MC and Valdosta State University.

The day is designed for all boys in grades 1-12 and their leaders. It is not necessary for a boy to be a participant in Royal Ambassadors to attend R.A. Day activities.

Missionary speaker will be Tim Glaze, Baptist Student Union director at East Central Community College. He is the son of Jack and Eugenia

Glaze, former missionaries to Argentina where Tim grew up.

Music will be by Sean Keith, minister of education and youth at First Church, Corinth.

The program begins at 2 p.m. and the ball game should end about 8 that evening. Cost of the day will be \$7 per person which includes dinner and ticket to the game. Make checks payable to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Mail to R.A. Day, Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Registration deadline is Oct. 23.

## WMU will match churches with missionary speakers

In an effort to enable even the smallest church to have a missionary speaker, the state WMU Department is initiating a program of matching churches to missionary speakers.

"If it has been five years or longer since you had a missionary in your church to speak, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union would like to help," says Monica Keathley, consultant, state WMU.

"Mississippi WMU will put your church in contact with a missionary speaker in your area," continues Miss

Keathley. "Many times these will be retired or former missionaries. It would then be your responsibility to contact the missionary and make arrangements for them to come to your church. Each church will be responsible for paying the missionary's travel expenses, providing lodging if necessary, and giving them a small honorarium."

To participate in this program, contact Monica Keathley at MS WMU, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, or call 968-3800.

## Clarke College reaches out to bivocationals

By Juanita West

The non-traditional student has become an important and necessary target group for educational institutions. Today, more people are going back into the educational process after several years in the business world. Included in this non-traditional group of students are bivocational pastors and older students who find themselves seeking God's new direction in their lives.

The Clarke College campus in Newton has always provided special attention for that non-traditional church-vocation major. From the days of the sub-collegiate program to the present offering of developmental courses, Clarke College strives to meet the needs of the non-traditional student.

Realizing that many bivocational pastors cannot leave job and church fields to attend college, Clarke College hopes in the near future to take college courses to the bivocational pastors in specifically designated areas in East Mississippi. In the meantime, New Orleans Seminary is

utilizing the Clarke facilities to offer the associate of divinity degree program on the Clarke campus.

The associate of divinity degree is a two-year undergraduate degree designed for pastors and persons in related ministries who have not completed a baccalaureate degree. Admission to this program is for persons who have completed high school or have a high school equivalency. In most cases, students must be at least 25 years of age. The program is designed to provide these students with the necessary biblical understanding and skills. At present, two courses in the associate of divinity program are being taught on the Clarke Campus: "Interpreting Romans," taught by John E. Dent Jr., of the Clarke College faculty; and "Interpreting Genesis," taught by J. Hardee Kennedy, a Clarke alumnus and a former professor at New Orleans Seminary.

Term two will begin Oct. 16 and 17 with Kennedy teaching Amos and Hosea on Monday nights; and Dent teaching interpreting Revelation on Tuesday nights.

Anyone who desires additional information on either program may contact Clarke College in relation to the associate of arts degree or contact the New Orleans Seminary about the associate of divinity program.

## First, Vicksburg, to celebrate 150th year

First Church, Vicksburg, will celebrate its 150th anniversary, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. A reception will follow services. John G. McCall and D. Swan Haworth, former pastors, will be special guests. Gordon Sansing is pastor.

Baptists in São Paulo, Brazil, have a goal of starting 1,000 new churches before A.D. 2000.

## Mississippi Baptist activities

Oct. 15	*Poverty Awareness Day (CAC Emphasis)
Oct. 19	Children and Conversion Seminar, Parkway BC, Natchez; 7-9:30 p.m. (EVAN/SS)
Oct. 20-22	Mississippi Baptist Conference for the Deaf; Camp Garaywa; 8:30 a.m., 10th-12:30 p.m., 22nd (CoMi)
Oct. 21	Small Church Leadership Conference; FBC, Charleston; 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. (PD)

## BPRA will award scholarships

Two scholarships for students at Baptist colleges, universities or seminaries will be awarded for the 1990-91 academic year by Baptist Public Relations Association.

In addition, up to \$1,000 will be available for scholarship assistance to attend BPRA meetings or other professional conferences for newcomers in Baptist public relations.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student and a \$500 scholarship to a graduate student. Students must be in good standing, have three letters of recommendation from the institutions they attend and maintain a 2.5 overall grade point to be eligible for consideration. Winners will be announced at the annual BPRA spring meeting or at the annual breakfast meeting of BPRA during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Deadline for scholarship applications is Dec. 1, 1989. Applications should be sent to Dana Williamson, BPRA Scholarship Committee Chairman, 1141 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

## Organ recital, workshop, concert set

An organ installation concert, recital, and organ workshop will take place Oct. 22-23 in Hattiesburg, all featuring Harold De Cou of Peoria, Ill.

De Cou will play the dedicatory concert of a special anniversary model Allen ADC 8350A organ at Fifteenth Ave. Church, Hattiesburg, Oct. 22 at 2:30 p.m. Greer Goldman is church organist.

De Cou will present a recital that evening at 8 p.m. at Bay Street Church, Hattiesburg. That church has the oldest operating pipe organ, a Moller Opus 3270, made in 1922.

Then Oct. 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., De Cou will lead a church organ workshop at Roseberry Piano house in Hattiesburg. It will feature organ registration, technique, literature, and service music. There is no charge and lunch will be served.

For details, contact Billy Lewis at 264-2220.

## Study course credit offered

Study course credit will be offered to Missions Development leaders by the Cooperative Missions Department, MBCB, on Oct. 27, at the Baptist Building.

Teaching the New Mission Action Book will be Monica Keathley, consultant, state WMU staff. Being God's People: A Southern Baptist Church on Bold Mission will be led by the staff of the Cooperative Missions Department.

Persons who are interested in attending the study should send \$10.00 (to cover the cost of book and lunch) to the Cooperative Missions Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, by October 24.

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## Terry Road Church will celebrate pastor's 50th wedding anniversary

Terry Road Church, Jackson, friends, relatives, and children will celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Henry J. and Ileta Bennett, 5753 Terry Rd., Jackson, in the morning worship service, Oct. 15.

Jack Nazary, Carthage, former pastor of West Jackson Church, Jackson, will bring the morning message. D. L. Callender of McComb, pastor of Holmesville Church, will lead in the ceremony, and Pete Bates, of Jackson will be in charge of the music.

High attendance in Sunday School will be emphasized; the goal is 150. All couples married by Bennett, and all couples who have been married 50

years, will be the guests of honor. There will be a meal, (a beef buffet, all you care to eat), at the noon hour, for all attending and signing the special register by 10:30 a.m.

Henry Bennett is pastor of the Terry Road Baptist Church, and has served pastorates in Hinds County for 40 years.

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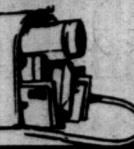
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# Letters to the editor

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## All are priests

Editor:

Sometimes I feel like the martyrs must have felt in Revelation 6:10 when they cried, "How long, O Lord, . . ."

How long is it going to take Southern Baptists to wake up and realize that the tactics being used by some of those in leadership positions in our convention today are similar to those used by Hitler during the days of Nazi Germany? The power control tactics being used to stifle free speech is more like oppressive dictatorship than democracy.

Even in our own United States government, to which many of these people claim to be so loyal, a government employee is free to associate with whomever he wishes and to speak freely about his feelings and concerns. Could it be that those who seek to oppress the speech of men like Russell Dilday and Lloyd Elder are afraid of the real truth being known?

How would we preachers feel if our deacons or some other group in our church, tried to set themselves over us as gods to tell us what to say, when to say it, and where to say it? Even an employee of the Southern Baptist Convention is a priest!

Billy Johnson, pastor  
Dixie Baptist Church  
Hattiesburg

## Advice for search committee

Editor:

For the what it's worth department, I would like to offer some suggestions to pastor-search committees. It will help them to do their job better while at the same time respecting the dignity of the pastor.

1. Call the pastor and get his permission to visit his church and hear him preach. His secretary will tell him anyway. If you are going to touch his life in this fashion, he deserves to know who will be hearing him preach. Plus, he may not want you to come and visit him. That will save you a trip.

2. A preacher is very sensitive as to what God is doing or about to do in his life. Don't play games with him. If you know in advance of your visit that you are not going to extend this person a call, then by all means don't go. It would be better to hurt a church member's feelings who gave you the name than to touch this man, his family, and his church needlessly and carelessly.

3. Don't go hear a man in his church over two times. You may not be the only committee hearing him. The minister is not the only one with emotions. This visit affects his church also.

4. Write the man a letter if you decide he is not the man for your church. You are the ones who initiated the contact with the minister in the first place. You should be the ones to advise him that you are going in a different direction.

5. Don't get so tied up in what you want in a preacher that you miss the man God has for your church. God is

not tied to one group in the convention, one seminary, or one state. The bottom line in your job description is to get the man God wants for your church.

You have a difficult assignment at best. You will turn down some quality men in your search for the right man. Plus, you do not want your church to get burned, in Leonard Griffith's words, by men who want to shine, whine, or recline. However, there are some God-called men out there who have paid a tremendous price to get where they are. They and their families and their congregations deserve your respect. You are treading on sacred soil.

God will help you with your search. But in the meantime, I wanted you, in Paul Harvey's word, to hear the rest of the story.

Rex Yancey, pastor  
First Church  
Quitman

## Thanks for MissionsFest

Editor:

I wanted to write and express my joy and pride in being a Southern as well as Mississippi Baptist. I am very grateful to Dr. Earl Kelly, Dr. Bill Causey, and the entire Mississippi State Convention for their leadership that enabled us as Mississippi Baptists to join the Foreign Mission Board in Jackson for MissionsFest. I was delighted to see the many foreign missionaries we have who represent us as Mississippi Baptists in our Foreign Mission endeavors.

I believe that it is occasions such as MissionsFest that enable us to grasp a new vision of who we are as Southern Baptists as well as who we are as Christians. I am sure that they were challenged, as I was, to go, support, pray, and give even more to our Southern Baptist mission work. My prayer is that God will continue to bless us as Mississippi Baptists as we continue to draw the world toward Christ through missions.

May God Bless us and lead us.  
Paul E. Smith, pastor  
Knox Church  
Tylertown

## Thanks for book review

Editor:

Thanks for the book review of *Jesus For Jews*. I have written for a price and plan to buy the book *Jesus For Jews*. I want to send it to our 12-year-old grandson who is growing up in a neighborhood of Jews in New Jersey. Some of his young neighbors egged their home on Christmas Eve one year.

Since he is growing up in a non-evangelical church he is not getting the Christian teaching that we take for granted. For example, when he visited this summer he asked questions like "What is a missionary?" When I asked him if he had ever memorized the books of the Bible he said "What's a book?" We wish we didn't live so far from our grandson. We only see him a few days each year.

We very prayerfully sent him a copy of Charles Still's article, "God used a lizard." We thought he could relate to

that because he was carrying a chameleon inside his knapsack when he boarded the plane after his visit this summer.

Name withheld  
by editor

## Need for pastor

Editor:

The Mountain View Baptist Church, Lancaster, NH is in need of a bi-vocational pastor or a pastor who has an income.

Mountain View Church was begun in 1983 and has acquired five acres with a small building. Our church draws its 24 resident members from the towns of Lancaster, Whitefield, and Groveton in northern New Hampshire. We minister to a population of approximately 5,000. Job possibilities are limited since there is little industry in the area.

Send resume and preaching tape to Mountain View Baptist Church, P. O. Box 530, Lancaster, NH 03582.

Ron Holden, chairman  
Pastor Selection Committee

## Do we really care?

Editor:

I believe if we read Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-47, and John 3:16 we would see it is a direct command and the will of our Lord Jesus Christ for the Great Commission to go to every nation on earth. It is my deep conviction that too many churches are more interested in carpet, chandeliers, programs, and dollars in the treasury, than they are in lost souls that have never heard the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I believe it grieves God the Holy Spirit when we sit smug in our beautiful churches Sunday after Sunday caring only about the things pertaining to our local church while our community, nation, and the entire world are dying and going to a devil's hell. There are churches that believe strongly in missions and are in obedience to our Lord. Thank God for people who care. There are some churches that could care less. Check the percent given to missions in the budget and you will see who really cares. I beseech anyone that reads this to take a stand in your local church and support the cause of missions.

My prayer is that we will wake out of our sleep and support the cause for which Jesus Christ died.

People are hungry to hear the word of God preached and I believe it grieves our Lord when preachers preach a watered down gospel of easy-believism to please man instead of God. Thank God for preachers that preach the word without compromising with sin which is the devil's message that anything goes.

James Robert Skelton  
Bellefontaine

## New radio station will reach China

ORANGE, California (EP) — A new mega-radio station which will beam a strong signal across all of China and much of Asia will be completed by Sept. 22, "giving the winds another mighty voice for the gospel," said George Otis, president of the California-based High Adventure Ministries. "Seven million watts of effective radiated power will enable the station's signal to reach every square inch of China and much of Asia," said Otis.

## Devotional

# Mugwumps

By J. Greg Martin

I Kings 18:21

The presidential campaign of 1884 between Grover Cleveland and Stephen Blaine could be described as a dirty campaign. The Republican Blaine was accused of accepting over \$100,000 from the railroad companies while he was

a congressman. The Republicans countered that New York's Democratic Governor Cleveland was the father of an illegitimate child. The campaign was bitter, distasteful, and divisive. However, when the votes were cast, Cleveland came out on top as our nation's 22nd president.

The New York Sun's editor, Charles Dana, coined a term to describe the many Republicans who voted for the Democratic candidate. He called them "Mugwumps."

What is a Mugwump? A Mugwump is a person who sits on a fence. It is a person who has his mug (face) on one side of the fence and his wump (seat) on the other side. That is what a Mugwump is, a fence sitter. History proves our nation had a lot of them in the late 1800s.

History also tells us of another nation that was infested with Mugwumps. Israel, during the reign of King Ahab, had many people who were torn between their loyalty to the one true God and the gods of Baal.

Elijah, the prophet, challenged the people to get off the fence and make up their minds about serving Jehovah God. He asked the nation as they assembled on Mount Carmel, "How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, follow him."

At first, the people were unresponsive, "But the people did not answer him a word." However, after the fire of God consumed the altar of Elijah, the people were persuaded to serve the Lord with their whole hearts. It took something dramatic (the fire) to get the people to choose the Lord.

I wonder if it will take something dramatic to get modern day Mugwumps off the fence of indifference? Too many of God's people vacillate between commitment and compromise. Today could be your day to make up your mind, heart, and life for Jesus Christ. Don't wait for the fire of judgment to fall. Hear his voice! Serve him now!

Martin is pastor, Commission Road, Long Beach.

## Revival dates

**Southside, Yazoo:** Oct. 15-18; services, 7 p.m.; John Brock, First, Pearl, evangelist; Jim Lott, First, Pearl, music; Sam Simpson, pastor.

**Temple (Hinds-Madison):** Oct. 15-18; Sunday, 10:50 a.m. and 6:50 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Glenn Kelly, pastor, preaching; Ricky Sandridge, music.

**Mt. Pleasant, Bogue Chitto (Lincoln-Copiah):** Oct. 15-18; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Anthony Yarborough, pastor, Mt. Pleasant, evangelist; Karen Yarborough, music.

**Glendale, Glen (Alcorn):** Oct. 15-19; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Carroll Roberson, Ripley, evangelist; Alan Irvin, Glendale, music; Bobby Cossey, pastor.

**First, New Albany (Union Co.):** Oct. 15-18; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., noon and 7 p.m.; Ron Dunn, Lifestyle Ministries, Irving, Tex., evangelist; Richard Smith, First, Ripley, music; Tom Sumrall, pastor.

**First, West Point:** Oct. 15-18; Billy Crosby, Houston, Tex., evangelist; Billy Crosby, his wife, Annette, and daughter, Starla, music; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., noon and 7 p.m.; Jackie C. Hamilton, pastor.

**Ora Church, Collins (Covington):** Oct. 15-18; Terry Cutrer, Louisville, evangelist; Joe Abel, Collins, pastor at Ora, music leader.

**Bethel, Brandon, (Rankin):** Oct. 15-18; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Donald Bozeman, Southside, Jackson, evangelist; Bill Clark, First, Fannin, Jackson, music; Jim Worsham, pastor.

**Mount Olive, Okolona (Chickasaw):** Oct. 16-22; 7 nightly; Paul Ragland, Myrtle, evangelist; Tom Maples, pastor.

**Gooden Lake, Belzoni (Humphreys):** Oct. 22-27; Sunday, 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Richard Johnson, Parkview, Greenville, evangelist; Shelly and Irene Johnston, County Line, Mendenhall, music; David Blackwell, pastor.

**Oral, Sumrall:** Oct. 18-22; services, Wed.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat., 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, homecoming, 10:45 a.m. with dinner in fellowship hall following services, afternoon services, no evening service; Ron Jordan, guest evangelist; B. J. Barrett, pastor.

**First, Yazoo City:** Oct. 15-18; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Brian L. Harbour, pastor, Immanuel, Little Rock, Ark., evangelist; Mike Edwards, Oakdale, Clarksdale, music; James F. Yates, pastor.

**West Drew, Drew (Sunflower):** Oct. 15-20; Sunday, 11 a.m. (note burning), and 7 p.m.; weekdays, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Jack Moore, Emmanuel, Greenville, evangelist; Bobby Shurden, Pineview, Hattiesburg, music; Marvin D. Bibb, pastor.

**Southway, Brookhaven (Lincoln):** Oct. 22-25; services, 7 p.m.; John C. Baye Jr., Evangelist Until Ministries, Kenner, La., evangelist; Charles Rushing, Southway, Brookhaven, music; Paul Hill, pastor.

**North Batesville Church, Batesville:** Oct. 15-20; Gary Fulton, pastor of Westview Church, Paragould, Ark., evangelist; Ron Lusher, Loxahoma Church, Bett, Miss., music leader; Rick Glidewell, pastor; services at 7 p.m. Sun. and 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

**Lula (Hinds-Madison):** Oct. 13-15; Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. and concludes with dinner on the grounds; Thomas Winn, Halbert Heights, Brookhaven, preaching; David Sills, pastor.

# Baptists sending food, volunteers to Caribbean

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"the greatest need there is food," he said.

"Montserrat has been self-sufficient food-wise, but all of the crops have been destroyed," said Damon. "It will literally take years for them to get back to producing enough of their own food."

The Foreign Mission Board is sending rice, beans, canned meat, powdered milk, baby food, candles, propane lanterns and cooking oil along with four electric generators and eight chain saws. The air freight shipment was expected to go Sept. 29 to the nearby island of Antigua. There missionary John Hamilton of Decatur, Ala., will coordinate distribution to Montserrat.

Southern Baptist missionaries do not live on Montserrat, but missionaries on nearby islands are working with a Baptist congregation there, Damon said.

In addition to the initial relief, the mission board is coordinating a weekly shipment of food from New Orleans to Antigua and Guadeloupe.

The shipment to Antigua also will be distributed to nearby islands, said Damon. Southern Baptist missionaries Al Gary of Lubbock, Texas, and Dan O'Dell of Snowville, Va., will coordinate food distribution on Guadeloupe.

In the Caribbean, Hugo damaged the homes of some 62,000 people, according to American Red Cross reports. "What Hugo did partially to Charleston, Hugo did completely to some of the islands in the Caribbean," Damon said.

Southern Baptist churches and state conventions wanting to donate food should collect rice, beans, canned meat, powdered milk, baby food and cooking oil in cans or plastic containers, said Damon. Clothing is not being requested, he said.

The food should be shipped to KMA Enterprises, Napoleon and River Building, J-Cube 9, New Orleans, La. 70175. Donations should be designated for Foreign Mission Board/Brotherhood Disaster Relief for Antigua/Guadeloupe.

As food shipments go to the Caribbean, the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission said, volunteer disaster relief teams are preparing to do construction, electrical and general clean-up on the islands.

The Brotherhood departments of state Baptist conventions are helping to coordinate volunteer teams. Brotherhood volunteers also are expected to help in food distribution efforts.

Mississippi volunteers are being asked to go to St. Kitts. (See story on Mississippi response to Hugo.)

A Georgia Baptist disaster relief team arrived Sept. 25 in Point-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, where four Baptist churches were destroyed. Coordinator of that team is Stanley Hill, a layman from Harmony Hall Baptist Church in Gainesville, Ga. The 10 volunteers are from Gainesville and Sautee, Ga.

Volunteer teams also are headed to four other islands — Saba, St. Eustatius, Antigua, and Nevis.

In response to aid received last year after Hurricane Gilbert, the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship will send volunteers to Nevis. Coordinator of that effort is Azariah McKenzie of Kingston, Jamaica, executive secretary of the fellowship, organized in 1976 to promote cooperation and fellowship among Caribbean Baptists.

Most of the volunteers are expected to be from Jamaica.

Some 20 volunteers from Rehoboth Baptist Association in Centerville, Ga., will spend Oct. 1-7 on Saba, an island in the Netherlands Antilles. In addition to general clean-up and construction, they will help repair the house of a Southern Baptist journeyman couple who work on the island, Bill and Julena Mounce of Somerset, Ky.

A volunteer team of six from Birmingham, Ala., were to go to St. Eustatius Sept. 29-Oct. 8. The volunteers are from Lakeside Baptist Church and Crestway Baptist Church in Birmingham. The volunteers are members of Carpenters for Christ, a Christian construction team in Alabama, said team leader Tom Gachet, an engineer from Lakeside church. "In a matter of a few hours, we were able to round up enough team members to go," he said.

Teams from Georgia and Alabama are expected to work in Antigua. Volunteers from First Baptist Church of Fitzgerald, Ga., will go Oct. 7-14. The Alabama group coordinator is Mac Johnson, former director of the Brotherhood department for the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Teams from Hollywood, Fla., and Gentry, Ark., also are expected to go to St. Kitts.

As these volunteers complete their assignments, mission board officials hope to send follow-up teams to Guadeloupe and Antigua.

Mary Speidel writes for the FMB.

HOUSTON (BP) — The status of the possible nomination of Paul Pressler to head the federal Office of Government Ethics is unchanged, despite conflicting reports about the possible nomination by President Bush.

Reports have circulated the nomination has been dropped, but they have been countered by other rumors he still is in the running for the federal post.

Pressler told Baptist Press Sept. 29: "The status (of the nomination) is that I have not been offered the job, and I have not decided to accept it if it is offered.

"The status has not changed but has become a little muddier with the reported leaks."

In late July, newspapers reported Pressler, a Houston appeals court

judge and vice chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, was being considered for the top government ethics post.

Other reports began to surface about a month later, saying Pressler was too controversial for the job because of the role he has played in the conservative resurgence in the SBC. The reports have been countered by White House comments that he still is being considered.

The FBI talked to a number of Southern Baptists, and reports were made concerning the controversial judge. However, the FBI declined to disclose the contents of its findings.

"The only way we will release information, outside of press releases on major stories, is when the subject is

deceased or a privacy waiver has been obtained," said Chris Glenn of the FBI's freedom of information office.

Pressler told Baptist Press, "I have been disappointed with the obvious ugliness of those in the convention who have been engaged in rumor and innuendo."

Presidential personnel director Chase Untermeyer did not return calls from Baptist Press when the SBC news service called seeking a conclusive report on Pressler's status.

Likewise, the White House press secretary's office declined comment, referring calls to the office of the executive clerk of the White House. The clerk's staff members said no paperwork had been filed regarding the nomination of Pressler.

## Vines speaks of accountability

By Robert O'Brien

NASHVILLE (BP) — The denomination must maintain accountability to churches and support them in evangelistic efforts, Southern Baptist Convention President Jerry Vines said in an address to the SBC Executive Committee.

"For the most part, I have found they (denominational agencies) have a keen sense" of accountability, Vines said. "For our denomination to be vital and vibrant, it must maintain accountability.

"The process of theological renewal

is underway and must continue. The trustees of our institutions are accountable to see that this is done."

For example, he said, "accountability would require that our convention

in (annual) session receive an update" on Recommendation V of the Southern Baptist Peace Committee report, adopted at the 1987 SBC meeting in St. Louis.

Recommendation V called on trustees to "determine the theological positions of the seminary administrators and faculty members . . . ."

All six Southern Baptist seminaries have responded to the SBC since the Peace Committee report was adopted by SBC messengers in St. Louis.

While noting that theological problems still exist in the SBC, Vines said that "those who believe there are errors in the Bible are in a pronounced minority in Southern Baptist life."

Vines described himself as "high"

on the Southern Baptist Convention. "It's surely wise for us to do together what we cannot do separately. Though we must never allow the SBC to become a god, we must strive to make it very good," he said.

Noting signs of "a spiritual awakening" and a "move upward again in our vital statistics," Vines said he is "optimistic about the future of our denomination."

Vines, re-elected to a second one-year term as SBC president in June in Las Vegas, said his emphasis for his second year "will be on building great soul-winning churches." That follows a first-year emphasis urging Southern Baptists to increase personal witness to their faith in Jesus Christ.

## Once a contraption

# Dealing with the computer maze

By Randy Tompkins

About 20 years ago a piece of equipment was introduced to churches that would conveniently store information and rapidly reproduce it: the computer. At first it was a "contraption" that was housed in some other locale or city. It was not until the middle to late 70s the computer found its way into church facilities.

Today the use of computers by churches is widespread. Churches of all sizes either own and operate or are thinking of purchasing a computer. Programs have gone from hard to locate and difficult to operate to hundreds being made available and very user-friendly. Churches across Mississippi are asking some very basic but vital questions: Should our church consider getting a computer? Where do we start? Who do we talk to? What do we do first?

The first action a church should take is to determine the exact reasons for considering the use of a computer. Once this has been accomplished other questions can be dealt with more clearly. There are basically four things a computer can do to help a church accomplish its ministries.

First, organization of information. What we know and what we need to know about our members has grown tremendously through the years with the development of varied ministries,

specialized programs, and a constant attempt to meet specific needs. At the turn of the century it was sufficient to know who were members of the church or the Sunday School and where they lived. Records were scarce and often kept as scribbled notes by the preacher. Many times this information was only retained in human memory.

With the advent of the telephone and the increased need to communicate more, another piece of information was added to the memory bank. Mail service became more reliable and dependable. Therefore, specific addresses were recorded. Membership rosters were formulated. Today, the information needed to involve an individual in the ministries of most churches has grown four-fold.

The grouping of this information into workable sizes can be monumental. Most computer programs achieve this task very simply. Not only can the information be stored in a usable fashion, it can be reorganized to fit almost any specific application desired. For example, think of how long it would take to manually pull together a list of males, who have been church members for over one year, above the age of 18, and are not deacons. Most computers can handle this chore in a matter of seconds.

Second: accuracy of information.

Most churches keep the same information in two or three locations. The church may have a master file at the church. The pastor and music director may have membership list of rolobox cards in their offices or at home. Churches with more than one secretary would have membership information at each secretarial station. Any time information is duplicated in several locations there is the possibility of an error. One church began to pull information together to go onto a computer. They discovered 25 families that had listed at least two phone numbers. Another 30 families had different home addresses recorded in different locations.

All parties can utilize correct information if the information is first stored in a central place (a computer) and extracted from this central location at the same time (printouts, rolobox cards, reports).

Third: speed of use. For many applications, the use of a computer can drastically cut the amount of time needed to complete the activity. One church cut 2/3 off the amount of time needed to produce the weekly newsletter through the use of a computer. Class rosters, mail labels, and lists can easily and quickly be sorted and printed. Promotion preparation can be cut by hours and sometimes days. Individuals and families can be assigned for ministry visits more

quickly. A quicker turnaround on prospect information can be obtained.

Fourth: creativity of use. When the above three concepts are placed into operation through the use of a computer a new friend appears on the scene — creativity. Not only will the computer assist with the organization, accuracy, and speed of dealing with membership and finance, it will also help to develop a library of illustrations, quotes, and scripture passages for sermon and lesson preparation. It will allow tracking the use and deterioration of equipment, set up maintenance schedules for equipment, cut utility cost by monitoring climate and light control, maintenance of the library/media center for more use by members, and keep records for various groups associated with the church (associations, state convention, BSSB, SBC, Home Mission Board, or the IRS).

Also, placing information on computer may allow for tighter security of information.

The theory that the computer is the answer to all our problems in record keeping, membership list, rosters, is an erroneous one. Humans must work with the machine. How we utilize this equipment and what we put into it will determine its value.

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# Ex. Com. wants BJCPA funding info

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE (BP) — Non-Southern Baptist Convention entities which receive funds from convention sources will be required to make full financial disclosure under a policy adopted by the SBC Executive Committee.

During its Sept. 18-19 meeting in Nashville, the committee adopted a policy requiring that any non-SBC entity "requesting funds . . . as part of their request, disclose all sources of income for the past fiscal year and proposed fund-raising activities."

The three non-SBC entities supported by the convention are the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the Baptist World Alliance and Religion in American Life.

BWA, an organization of Baptists around the world, last year received \$387,000. RIAL, a non-denominational organization to promote religion in America, received \$12,000, and BJC, a Washington-based religious liberty coalition of nine Baptist Bodies in the United States and Canada, received \$391,796.

Although not SBC entities, for years the BWA and BJC have made direct budget requests to the convention through the Executive Committee's budgeting process.

BWA and RIAL have been funded through the SBC Operating Budget, which also funds the operation of the Executive Committee and expenses of the annual meeting. Until 1988, the BJC was funded through the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget, which provides monies to all SBC agencies. In 1988, the BJC allocation became a line item in the SBC Operating Budget, which is administered by the Executive Committee.

The BJC, to which the SBC relates through an 18-member Public Affairs

Committee, has been controversial in recent years. It has survived five attempts in the last six years either to defund or to alter the method by which funding is provided.

Three special Executive Committee committees also have been appointed to study the relationship between the SBC and BJC, control of funding and, ultimately, creation of an organization to represent Southern Baptists on religious liberty/separation of church and state matters in Washington.

The new policy of full financial disclosure attempts to deal with a sore spot with some conservatives on the Executive Committee: that the BJC receives direct funding from at least three state conventions, Texas, North Carolina and Virginia, and is supported by other SBC organizations, churches and individuals.

Conservatives have sought to determine specific sources of the income, including the names and addresses of supporters, and have alleged the BJC is involved in direct fund raising.

James M. Dunn, executive director of the BJC, has pledged to provide income data "insofar as possible." The data, he said, will be provided to members of the BJC at their annual meeting in early October, and then included in the budget request made to the Executive Committee's program and budget subcommittee when it meets in January 1990.

In addition to adopting the new policy, the Executive Committee, upon recommendation of its business and finance subcommittee, also opted not to request funds in the SBC Operating Budget for the three organizations, as has been the practice for many years.

Subcommittee chairman David Hankins, pastor of Trinity Baptist

Church of Lake Charles, La., pointed out the 1989-90 SBC Operating Budget is \$3,638,370, while the requested budget for 1990-91 is only \$2,401,268.

"You will note there is a drastic reduction in the amount (of the 1989-90 budget) and the amount being requested (for 1990-91)," Hankins said. "We need to explain that we are not being as generous or as frugal as it may appear, although we're being that, we think."

"We have made some changes so that no longer is the Executive Committee going to make requests for those entities and groups for which we disperse funds but which we do not make requests for officially."

"We are not including in our request funds for the BWA or the BJC or RIAL. Each of those entities can make their own requests. Two of them ordinarily have made requests, so if we do it, it is duplication."

"We are requesting only the part for which we are responsible," Hankins said.

The SBC Operating Budget request was among the requests made by the agencies of the SBC during the September meeting. More formal requests will be made during a meeting of the program and budget subcommittee when it meets in January 1990 to plan the 1990-91 budget for presentation at the 1990 annual meeting in New Orleans.

The agencies of the convention requested \$144,996,027, which is a 7.57 percent increase over the 1989-90 basic operating budget of \$134,787,543.

The amount of the 1990-91 budget will be determined by actual receipts in the 1988-89 budget, which is concluded Sept. 30.

In other action during the September meeting, the Executive

Committee:

— Discussed but declined to act on a proposal presented in two of the subcommittees which would have appointed a committee to study the possibility of setting up an "operations audit" committee of the Executive Committee.

The proposal was made in the program and budget and the business and finance subcommittees, but did not come to the floor in plenary session.

Proposers of the "operations audit" said it would assist the Executive Committee to study operations of the agencies and make recommendations for more efficient and economical operations.

Opponents said it would interfere in internal affairs and supplant the role of the trustees of the national agencies, who have responsibilities for studying operations for efficiency and economy.

— Adopted a resolution of appreciation for Darold H. Morgan, who is retiring as president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

— Opted to maintain the present formula whereby the six seminaries affiliated with the convention are funded. Funding through budget year 1994-95 will be based on the 1989-90 figures.

— Expressed appreciation to Southern Baptists "for their faithful giving that has resulted in increased Cooperative Program receipts and significant gains in contributions" to home and foreign missions offerings.

— The expression of appreciation came after members were told receipts through the third quarter of the 1988-89 budget year were \$103,701,108, or 3.43 percent above the comparable period of the previous budget year.

## Michel to preach at "small" meet

"A Big Conference for Small Churches" is what will take place Oct. 21 at First Church, Charleston.

This conference is designed especially for leaders of small churches, particularly those with 150 or fewer enrolled in Sunday School.

The conference will offer preaching, music, training in 19 areas, and lunch.

The special conference areas include: pastors; deacon chairmen; Sunday School directors and workers with adults, youths, children, and preschoolers; Discipleship Training directors and leaders with adults, youths, children, and preschoolers; all WMU leaders; Baptist Men's leaders; R.A. leaders; volunteer music directors; church pianists; church organists; and preschool and children's music leaders.

David Michel, director of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be preaching during the program.

To register for the conference so that the complimentary lunch can be prepared accordingly, contact the local associational office by Oct. 16.

This program is sponsored by the program director's office at the MBCB. Chester Vaughn is program director.

## William Carey College plans homecoming

A reunion of the 1969 National NAIA championship baseball team will be held at Carey's Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 12-14. Players are returning from states as far away as California and Connecticut. An Old-Timers game on Saturday will match the former champions against this year's team. Following the game, alumni and friends will share a giant banana split from a "Banana Boat."

U.S. Congressman Mike Parker, class of 1970, will serve as master of ceremonies at the 12:30 luncheon in Wilkes dining hall. James Edwards, interim president, will crown the homecoming queen in ceremonies in Thomas Fine Arts Center at 10:30 Saturday. Other activities include a Crusade baseball game against USM on Friday at 5:30 and presentations of the fall theatre production, "The Sneeze," Oct. 12-14 at 8 each evening. Tickets for the compilation of Anton Chekhov's one-act plays in the O. L. Quave Theatre are \$4. "First Call," a contemporary Christian musical group, will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday to conclude the activities.

## Mississippi answers call

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Mrs. Lewis Nobles, wife of the president of Mississippi College, set up ham radio connections so she could keep up with what the nurses are doing as they go.

Said Dean Eichelberger, "We are grateful to First Church, Clinton, and to Broadmoor for making this opportunity possible. The students are studying community health, and this will give them an international perspective on community health. It will be a great opportunity for them to see that the needs of humanity are the same everywhere. It will also be an opportunity for them to demonstrate the spiritual aspect of caring."

## Disaster Relief Response Urgent Need

The Foreign Mission Board and the Mississippi Brotherhood Department has requests for volunteers in St. Kitts, one of the islands hardest hit by Hurricane Hugo. Volunteers are needed for general repair and reconstruction as soon as possible.

The American Red Cross will provide transportation and maintenance for up to 50 men to go to the Caribbean for a minimum of three weeks. If you would like to volunteer for St. Kitts or need more information, call the Brotherhood Dept. at 968-3800.

## Hermanville celebrates 100 years of service

Hermanville Church, Hermanville, on Sept. 10 celebrated 100 years of service. John Espy of Monticello, a former pastor, brought the morning message to a crowd of 125-175. Kirk Ford, professor at Mississippi College, represented the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission in the presentation of a special certificate. Fifty-two were present for Sunday School.

Women of the church had prepared a covered dish luncheon. After the lunch and a time for fellowship, the 1:30 p.m. service included special music by Mrs. Charlene Bufkin of Florence. Also the Adult Choir, directed by Mrs. Thelma C. Barland, presented special music. A copy of the church history was given to each family present.

During the afternoon service, the

church dedicated a mural in the foyer, given to the church by friends and family, in memory of Mrs. Myrtle Lord Chapman. Also the church dedicated a table in the foyer, given in memory of John Wilson Crews, by friends and relatives.

Following the dedication prayer, each former pastor present told about the time of his ministry and challenged the church "to be a church that loves people, and to reach out to others." The pastor, Donald I. Pounds, read letters from former pastors not able to be present.

Those who were present included A. E. Hamilton, H. A. Deer, R. A. Tullus, C. E. James, Charles Tyler, Tommy Ray Bufkin, and John R. Espy.

With joined hands, the congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

## Annuity Board to raise rates an average of 20 percent

DALLAS — Faced with the challenge of meeting another year of spiraling health-care costs, on Jan. 1 the Annuity Board will raise rates in the Church Comprehensive Medical Plan an average of 20 percent, localize the rate structure to reflect the health-care costs of an area, and set premiums for six months.

"For the last 10 years medical costs have increased 152.7 percent. That's twice the total increase of all other consumer goods," according to John Dudley, senior vice president of Insurance Services at the Annuity Board, the Southern Baptist agency that administers the plan.

Dudley advised churches to budget 30 to 35 percent rate increases in 1990 to be prepared if the Board has to adjust rates at the end of the guaranteed period.

"I caution plan participants against dropping their medical coverage," said Dudley.

"We know of former participants who bought other insurance at lower rates and were cancelled after they filed a claim. The Annuity Board does

not cancel participants because they have claims," he said.

"Anyone who leaves the church medical plan must give evidence of good health before they can re-enroll. We cannot take back people who leave the plan and become uninsurable," said Dudley.

## Churchmen set fall tour

The Mississippi Singing Churchmen will make their fall tour Oct. 19 and 20.

The Oct. 19 concert will be at Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale, at 7 p.m. An after concert fellowship will take place Oct. 19 at Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale. At noon the next day, the group will give a concert at First Church, Bruce. And that evening, the last concert will be at First Church, Starkville, at 7 p.m.

The volunteer group of Mississippi music leaders will dress this time in their new alternate uniforms which are navy blue jackets, grey slacks, white shirts, and burgundy ties.

The Churchmen will give a pre-convention concert on Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m., at First Church, Jackson, and will sing during that evening session. The group's annual banquet will be at 4:30 that afternoon at the Downtown Holiday Inn.

## Unit returns

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"I don't think the people we served will soon forget Mississippi Baptists." He added that "On the last day, many recipients came by the unit to say they didn't know what they would have done we not been there."

# Just for the Record

Kilmichael Church, Kilmichael, held a note burning on its education building, July 30. The note was surrendered to Phyllis Ware, church treasurer, and Lenis Pearson, chairman of stewardship committee. Joe Crout, pastor, led in the ceremony and Marvell Morgan, chairman of deacon offered the prayer of dedication. Pictured, from left, are Morgan, Crout, Ware, and Pearson.



The youth choir, with a total of 59, of First Church, Florence, went on tour July 27-30. The trip included singing at First Church, Fisherville, Tenn.; Crowder Church, and First

Church, Madison. Also, they spent a day at Opryland in Nashville. Steve Warren is minister of music and George E. Meadows is pastor.



The GAs of Magnolia Church, Laurel, had a recognition service Sept. 10. Left to right are Mrs. Jerry (Sue) Fenton, leader, Jana Fenton, Coleen Robinson, Ginger Mitchell, Michelle Chandler, Alison Dietz, Jessica Hebert, and Mrs. Jimmy (Leanne) Chandler, director.



GAs of Mt. Zion, Tate County, held their recognition service on the theme, "I'm Glad I'm a GA." Pictured receiving their badges are, first row — Christen Hancock, Gina Jones, Charity Blair, Jennifer Nelson, Lindsey Smith; second row — Rachel Gillon, Bambi Everett, Dianne Smith, Mindy Gitter, Christina Johnson, Kelly Morgan, Courtney Ellis; third row — April Farrow, Melanie Freeman, Lisa Pounds. GA leaders are Sherry Gillon and Donna Morgan. The pastor is Austin Moore Jr.

## Homecomings

Chunky Church: 24th annual Homecoming Day; Oct. 15; Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11; Carliss Evans, interim pastor at Chunky in 1983-84, guest speaker; music directed by Bob Streck; lunch in family life building; Wayne Campbell, pastor.

Glendale, Leland: Oct. 22; from 9:45 a.m. until 3 p.m.; homecoming; Buddy Hampton, Eunice, La., guest speaker; covered dish lunch in fellowship hall at noon; singing in afternoon, 1-3. Edward Pendergrast, pastor.

Oloh (Lamar): Oct. 15; Sunday School, 9:45; worship service, 11; lunch to follow services; Bill Nobles, speaker; Betty Pace, special music; Lamar Williams, pastor.

First, Sardis (Panola): 145th year, Oct. 15; former pastors, Guy Reedy, First, Water Valley, and Bill Cox, Spring Hill, (Tallahatchie) will speak at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. services, respectively; Wayne Brown will direct the choir who were youth during his ministry at First, Sardis; noon "pot-luck" dinner; Bruce G. Jolly, pastor.

Eastabochie (Lebanon): Oct. 15; 9:45-2:30 p.m.; Howard Parker, Laurel, guest speaker; covered dish lunch on grounds at noon; choir and congregational singing, plus Memory Time, in afternoon; Kirk Ford Sr., pastor.

Mt. Carmel, Edinburg (Leake): Oct. 15; services, 11 a.m.; Danny M. Moss, Meridian, guest speaker; covered dish in fellowship hall, at noon; 1 p.m., afternoon singing; no night service; Kim K. Wolverton, pastor.

Providence, Hattiesburg (Lebanon): Oct. 1; Jerry Oswalt, New Orleans, guest speaker; dinner was served on grounds; Clifford Lazenby, pastor.

Gooden Lake (Humphreys): Oct. 15; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; services, 11 a.m.; Bill McLendon and Paul Broadway, both of Belzoni, guest speaker; Shelly and Irene Johnston, County Line, Mendenhall, music; dinner in fellowship hall, 1 p.m.; afternoon singing, 2 p.m.; no night services; David Blackwell, pastor.

The Baptist Student Union Alumni Association at the University of Southern Mississippi will hold its annual meeting at homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 21, 1 p.m. at the USM Baptist Student Center. The BSU Fine Arts team will present a short program and several business items will be discussed. The BSU Center will have an open house from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. For more information contact USM Baptist Student Union, SS Box 10005, Hattiesburg, MS 39406 or phone 601-232-5160.

Oak Hill Church, Poplarville, celebrated its 78th anniversary on Sept. 24. Grover Glenn, pastor, was speaker for the 10 a.m. service. Other activities included noon meal, afternoon singing, and recognition of Sunday School workers for last year and introduction of the new Sunday School workers.

Becker Church, Monroe Association, will celebrate its 75th anniversary, Oct. 15 at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Coye Marbut of Red Bay, Ala. Dinner on the grounds will be held at noon. Charles Sanderson in charge of music. George Henley is pastor. No night service.

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# Staff changes

Morgan City Church, Morgan City, has called Robert M. Moore as pastor, effective Oct. 1. He previously served Good Hope Church, Newton Association. A native of Meridian, he received his education from Mississippi College and Southeastern Seminary. Max Hollerman of Roundaway was interim for 14 months.



Moore

Barton Church, Lucedale, has called Ricky Watt as minister of music and youth, effective Sept. 10. A native of Thomasville, Ala., he received his education at Mobile College. His previous place of service was Old Spanish Fort Church, Spanish Fort, Ala. John W. Henry is pastor.

First Church, Oxford, has called Jerry W. Massey as pastor. He is a native of San Antonio, Tex. His previous place of service was First Church, Amory, for seven years. His education includes Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary.

Sean P. Keith became the minister of education and youth at First Church, Corinth, Sept. 3. He goes to First Church from Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale, where he served as associate pastor of youth and education.

A native of Hattiesburg, he graduated from University of Southern Mississippi in 1984 and Southwestern Seminary in 1987.

First Church, Sherman, has called Mike Smith as pastor, effective Aug. 13. A native of Caledonia, he received his education from Blue Mountain College and Midwestern Seminary.

## Names in the news



### Webbs honored

Wilbur and Mrs. Webb were honored by Drew Church Sept. 3 with a reception for his 10 years of service as pastor. He began as pastor at Moorhead Church on Sept. 17. At the reception, a skit was presented as written by Mrs. Lenajean Waldrup and led by Mike Ellis. Church hostess Mrs. Murle Parkinson, presented a "scrapbook of love gifts" from membership and friends with money, checks, and cards of appreciation attached. Deacon chairman Kenneth Fullilove presented the Webbs with a check from the church. Webb's other pastorate include Ruleville Church; First Church, Marks; and First Church, Itta Bena.



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First Church, New Albany, licensed Sammy Burns to the gospel ministry on Sunday, Sept. 17. A native of Corinth, Burns is a graduate of Gupton College in Nashville. He is married to the former Jo Lynn Alexander and is the father of two sons, Farris, age two, and Joseph, 15 months. He is presently employed by Copywrite, Inc.

Burns is available for supply preaching and teaching and may be reached at 534-9659, New Albany.

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Providence Church, Cleveland, has called Dale Shaw as minister of music, effective Oct. 1. His previous place of service was Forest Church, Forest, La. His education includes Northwestern Louisiana and Southwestern Seminary. Eugene Walden is pastor.

Lake Forest Church, Walls, has called Paul Lando Lee as minister of music. Lee, a native of Tupelo, is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. He previously was interim minister of music at West Frayser Church, Memphis.

Wayside Church, Vicksburg, has called Richard Cothorn as pastor, effective Sept. 3. He is native of Jayess. His previous place of service was First Church, Milton, La. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

First Church, Picayune, has called Jason Bird as minister of youth, effective Oct. 1. His previous place of service was Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg.

A native of Meridian, he received his education at William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. Raymon Leake is pastor.

First Church, Long Beach, has called David Turner as minister of education, effective Sept. 18. His previous place of service was Baptist Temple, Houston, Tex. A native of Marietta, Ga., he received his education from Houston Baptist University, Houston, Tex. and Southwestern Seminary.

Academy Church, Blue Mountain, has called Lyndle Davis as pastor. He is a native of Union County. His previous place of service was Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc. He attended Blue Mountain College and received his doctorate from Southern Baptist Center of Biblical Studies, Jacksonville, Fla.

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He moved from Second Church, Greenville.

First Church, Calhoun City, has called Alan Permenter of West Point and Mississippi State as youth director.

Greg Collins has been called as minister of youth at Diamondhead Church, Gulf Coast Association. He is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Collins

Jimmie Smith of Brookhaven has accepted the call to the pastorate of Mars Hill Church, Mississippi Association, after having served there as interim pastor since Aug. 20.

Friendship Church, Sturgis, Golden Triangle Association, has called Buster Wilson as pastor. Native of Jackson, he is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and attended Southwestern Seminary. He has served as pastor in Laurel, New Albany, and Maben. For the past four years he has been in Christian radio work. He is a former radio producer for the SBC Radio-TV Commission (1977-79, MasterControl).

First Church of Belzoni has called Michael Welch as its minister with youth. Welch, a May 1989 graduate of Southern Seminary, is from Owingsboro, Ky. His undergraduate degree is in church recreation from Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo. Billy McKay is pastor.

Wayne Hill has been called as minister of youth to the Fredonia Church, New Albany. A native of Southaven, he is a student at Blue Mountain College, majoring in music. His responsibilities at Fredonia will include youth and children's ministries, children's church, teen choir, and leading a newly organized college ministry. H. Gregg Thomas is pastor.

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# To the Thessalonians: a challenge to godly living

By Raymond Lloyd

I Thessalonians 4:1-12

Our first two lessons dealt with Paul's warm personal relationship with, and concern for, the Thessalonians. He now moves to weightier matters and strongly exhorts them in certain essentials of the Christian life; namely, sexual purity and honest labor.

**Sexual purity (4:1-8).** Paul makes a warm introduction, calling them once again "brethren" and urgently requests (vs. 1 — "beseech") them to please God. This ought to be a major motive of every Christian. Jesus said: "I do always those things that please him" (John 8:29). As Christians we are to emulate him. Paul gives them plaudits for so doing, but reminds them that there is always room for improvement (vs. 1 — "abound more and more") — paraphrased "keep on living the kind of life you are now living so that you just overflow in this kind of life-style".

Then he becomes specific: "abstain from immorality" (4:3). This is part of the growing in holy life-style pattern (sanctification — cf. 3:13). One must remember that most of those young congregation of Thessalonians had come



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out of a society where sexual purity was an unknown virtue. Sexual freedom was a normal accepted pattern of life. Pagan religions practiced gross immorality. But Christianity espoused a new code of moral conduct and Paul had clearly taught this to the Thessalonian church. From the beginning, God established the relationship of one man and one woman as a sacred union until death separates them. In a world which had corrupted God's plan Christianity became the "champion of purity and the guardian of the home." (Barclay).

"Possess his own vessel" (vs. 4 — can only refer to either his body or his wife. This writer leans to the latter, taking a wife "in holiness and honor," implying that sexual purity was expected of the husband as well as the wife. A. T. Robertson expressed it thus: "When the husband comes to the marriage bed, he should come as a chaste man to a chaste wife."

He then contrasts this standard with that of the heathen who do not know God. (vs. 5 — KJV — "concupiscence" — old Latin — to desire, to lust). The Gentiles knew their gods as licentious, but they knew not the God of moral purity. Many today do not want to know the true and living God, because of a desire for total

freedom, sexual and otherwise.

Vs. 6a is a reference to violating a Christian brother's marriage by having sexual relations with his spouse. While expressed from the male perspective, remember this truth applies to male and female alike.

Paul concludes this section with a stern warning. God is the legal avenger (vs. 6b). Sexual immorality is wrong. It is an absolute. It is condemned throughout God's Word.

But God has called you to a life of holiness and moral purity (vs. 7). Anyone, Paul says, who continues in a life of uncleanness rejects God! In essence, he is saying, "Look, your argument is not with me, or some preacher, or an ethicist; your argument is with God! These are God's directions for the Christian life style." This was a problem for the early church, and it is a problem for the church today. Marriage vows, to many, mean nothing. Divorce, premarital sex, extra-marital sex, are all accepted patterns of life. This passage is a great call to a holy life-style of sexual purity, reminding us all that we are accountable to God for our sexuality.

**Honest labor (4:9-12).** Following the same pattern as above, Paul commends their love of the brethren (philadelphias — literally — warm love for those out of the same womb) in the church, and throughout all Macedonia, and he encourages them to keep on doing it (Cf. 4:1).

Then he details how this love should overflow in their life-style. He exhorts them to "study to be quiet" (vs. 11a). There was a restlessness, perhaps argument, in the church over the Second Coming. This disturbed the peace of the fellowship. The word "study" connotes the idea of ambition. Paul here urges an ambition to lead a quiet life, peaceful, not given to creating disturbance in the church. He then exhorts them "to do your own business" (11b).

The best paraphrase is the contemporary idiom: "Mind your own business!" The third exhortation is "to work with your own hands." (11c). Apparently some of these new Christians were so infatuated with the idea of the Lord's return they quit work to await his coming. As a result, they had nothing to do but create problems, promote trouble, and sponge off the rest of the church.

This last verse is one of the great truths today's Christian needs to learn. "By their fruits ye shall know them." This has to do with far more than financial integrity. The non-Christian world is watching our conduct in the marketplace, the political arena, and the social realm, and in every area of life we must live above reproach by walking "honestly toward them that are without." Does your lifestyle command the respect of those outside your church and your faith?

Lloyd is pastor, First, Starkville.

## The call to missions — "into all the world"

By Randall L. Von Kanel  
Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:3-6;  
Matthew 28:18-20

Several recent issues of Commission magazine have carried the cover page message, "Where have all the preachers gone?" With a growing world community that dictates an equally growing challenge to present the Gospel to every person, a demand does exist for more preachers to answer the call to go "into all the world." A critical shortage of missionaries focuses our attention on the urgent need of all Christians to heed the call of missions.

**Von Kanel**  
The drama of God's redemptive plan includes the role of every believer in being involved in the world missions task. Surely, all believers are "called, gifted, and sent" to do the work of missions. This lesson reminds us of the privilege and responsibility we have to answer the call of missions.

William Carey, the "Father of Modern Missions" and the namesake of my alma mater, challenges us to missions involvement through the legacy of his life and ministry. As we study

This week's focal passage is a part of Daniel's final vision and gives assurance to God's persecuted people of their ultimate victory. God will defeat their enemy, uphold them in the midst of their trials, and restore life through the resurrection.

In his vision Daniel was informed of a great king of the north who would arise to make war against the neighboring kingdoms and establish himself in Jerusalem before his downfall (11:40-45). These events would culminate in a period of suffering for God's people unmatched in their history (verse 1).

Some see this vision as the persecution of the Jews by Antiochus Epiphanes in the second century B.C. Others accept this vision as a prophecy to be fulfilled during the final three and a half years of the seven years between the rapture (departure) of the church and the Second Coming of Christ.

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our lesson we are reminded of his call to missions. He wrote, "To be devoted like a sacrifice to holy uses is the great business of a Christian . . . and now I am appointed to go." May we all consider our own divine appointment as we study together.

Three passages of scripture provide the focal material for the lesson: Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:3-6; and Matthew 28:18-20. Each passage highlights the missions call of God. Beginning with the call of Abraham, God reveals to his people his redemptive mission.

In Genesis 12:1-3, God makes a covenant with Abraham that encompasses the duality of privilege and responsibility. Abraham is called to leave his hometown of Ur and travel to a distant land (v. 1). You will note that the call is "to a land that I will show you." In responding to God's call, Abraham exercises faith in leaving the known to go to the unknown. Missions is a call to put our trust in the Lord. Verses 2-3 contain the twofold covenantal promise of blessing and missions.

God promises Abraham descendants in the face of Sarah's barrenness; God promises him personal blessing; and, God promises him a place in history. The blessings of God are tru-

ly bountiful to those who will answer his call. But, the blessings are balanced with a due sense of responsibility to the call of God.

God not only calls Abraham to a place of privilege, but also to a position of service. The phrases, "thou shalt be a blessing" and "in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed," position the patriarch's place in God's plan and purpose for all nations.

God's goodness is not for a chosen few, but for all the world. Carey understood God's call to blessing and mission when he preached, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."

Moving from the call of Abraham, God reiterates his call to missions through the nation Israel. In Exodus 19:3-6, God establishes a covenant with Israel that they might be "a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (v. 6). Assured of Yahweh's power and love (vv. 3-4), Israel is called upon to embrace the call of God to be a missionary people. Again, the privilege/responsibility motif is apparent in the promise of verses 5b-6. If Israel fulfilled the conditions of the covenant, conditions marked by their steadfast obedience to the will of God, then God promised to make them "a peculiar treasure" (privilege/blessing) and to make them "an holy nation" (responsibility/mission). Separated to serve, Israel was to be a missionary nation

to the Gentile world. The Christian knows the joy of being one of God's treasures, even as a "child of the king," and he can know the joy of service as he becomes an instrument of God's redemptive purpose.

The clarion call of missions is most resonant in the call of Jesus to his disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). The authority for missions is Christ himself (v. 18). Jesus is Lord, and his lordship over the Church gives him the right to call us to go! The activity of missions is making disciples. As we go into all the world, we are charged to "make disciples" (v. 19) — followers of Jesus! Baptizing and teaching these new believers are given as integral parts of the task of missions (vv. 19b-20a). The call of missions is the call to go and lead persons to a dynamic, life-changing relationship to Jesus! The assurance of missions is that we do not go alone (v. 20b). Christ has promised his powerful and providing presence to those who respond to his call. In reference to the Great Commission, Carey insisted that "the command to go, as well as the promised companionship of Christ, was no more obligatory upon the apostolic church than upon the church of this century." We have a call to missions. Are we listening?

Von Kanel is pastor, First, Hattiesburg.

## God gives victory to his persecuted people

By Billy R. Williams  
Daniel 12:1-3:5-13

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various views, it needs to be noted that in prophecy there is often the mingling of the near and the distant. Often the prophet spoke to his own generation but also established a pattern or promise for the distant future as well.

Whatever the time frame, the promise was made that Michael, "the great prince" and, most likely the archangel of Jude 9 and Revelation 12:7, would come to the aid of Daniel's people (verse 1), the people of Israel. However, the promise of divine assistance in the midst of persecution is not limited to literal Israel. Those who have faith in Christ are "Children of Abraham" and the "Israel of God" (Galatians 3:7; 6:16). Those who will be delivered are further described as "every one that shall be found written in the book" (verse 1). Revelation 21:27 records that final deliverance and glory are reserved for those "which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

A further promise for God's people is the promise of resurrection (verse 2) — the first mention in the Old Testament of the resurrection of both the wicked and the righteous. While the word "many" is used, this does not necessarily refer to a limited resurrection. The emphasis is not upon many as opposed to all, but rather

on the numbers involved. Many will not survive the tribulation, and the multitudes who "sleep in the dust of the earth . . ." will be raised and judged. Some of those raised will receive everlasting life; however, others raised will receive an awful fate as indicated by the terms "shame" and "everlasting contempt."

In the tribulation, commendation would rest upon the wise — those who gave attention to the truth of God's word. Furthermore, the brightest luminaries would be those who share the word of God by life and testimony; thus strengthening others in time of trial (verse 3).

The setting for the epilogue (verses 5-13), is the Tigris River as in 10:4. Two heavenly messengers appeared, one in either side of the river. One of the angels asked a majestic figure in white suspended in the air over the river about the time of the end of the tribulation (verse 6). The figure in white raised both hands in solemn oath and replied that it would last "a time, times, and a half." This reply is generally interpreted to be three and a half years. The figure in white also stated that the end was bound up with the shattering of the holy people of God (verse 7). The three previously mentioned views also apply to this portion of Daniel's vision. Whichever view one holds, there is an important truth to be remembered. Human tyranny may oppress God's people, but there is a limit to how far it may go. God will

intervene at the right time and in accordance to his purpose in history.

Daniel was made aware that adversity would become a purifying experience in the life of God's people. Unfortunately the wicked would not perceive God's hand in the world and would grow much wicked (verse 10).

In response to Daniel's question, the figure clad in white stated that 1,290 days would pass from the time that the daily sacrifice was taken away until the setting up of the abomination of desolation. This is another way of saying three and a half years. Since a lunar month was counted as thirty days, twelve such months do not make a full year, so sometimes a month was added to a year. Three and a half years are 1,290 days if one of the years has 13 months. In verse 12 a different time period is given — 1,335 which is 45 days more than the time period. Perhaps the point is that the one who has patience to endure the tribulation and even go beyond it is the one who will be greatly blessed.

In the closing verse Daniel was instructed to be about his business. Although he would experience death, God assured him that he would arise to receive his proper reward. This is good advice for the Christian today. He needs to be about the father's business, confident that even in death he is victorious.

Williams is pastor, First, Gautier.



Williams

## New Concord, Bus breakdown, illness fail Jasper County, to stop mission team to Mexico disbands

New Concord Church in Jasper Association has disbanded after 67 years. The church has had only five resident members, but last year gave \$4,150 beyond its own ministry. This was divided with \$900 going to world missions through the Cooperative Program, \$600 going to associational missions, \$1,000 going to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, \$800 going to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, \$600 going to state missions, and \$250 going to the Children's Village.

Over the past few years the church has kept little for its own work and sent almost all of its income to other causes. The 1988 Mississippi Baptist annual shows undesignated for New Concord Church for the year of \$4,685.

Mrs. E. K. Merritt, the church clerk, wrote: "Enclosed is a check for \$100 from New Concord Baptist Church. This will be our last donation. On August 21, 1989, due to changing economic conditions and living patterns and no prospects for increased membership, the church was dissolved."

A volunteer mission team from Wanilla Church overcame obstacle after obstacle to go 1,600 miles to share God's love in the northwest desert of Mexico.

After months of fund raising, the group of 19, plus one from Shiloh, set out on June 24; then 45 minutes down the road, the bus broke down. Not ready to give up, the volunteers left again in five vehicles. Stopping only for gas and meals, they kept going for 42 hours and arrived at Nariz, Mexico on June 26.

At Nariz, they slept in their cars or in the Baptist church on the floor and/or pews. They shared two showers and two outhouses with 20 people from North Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, Miss.

The men did carpentry on a home being constructed for a future pastor for Grace Baptist Church, Nariz. The women and youths taught Vacation Bible Schools each day.

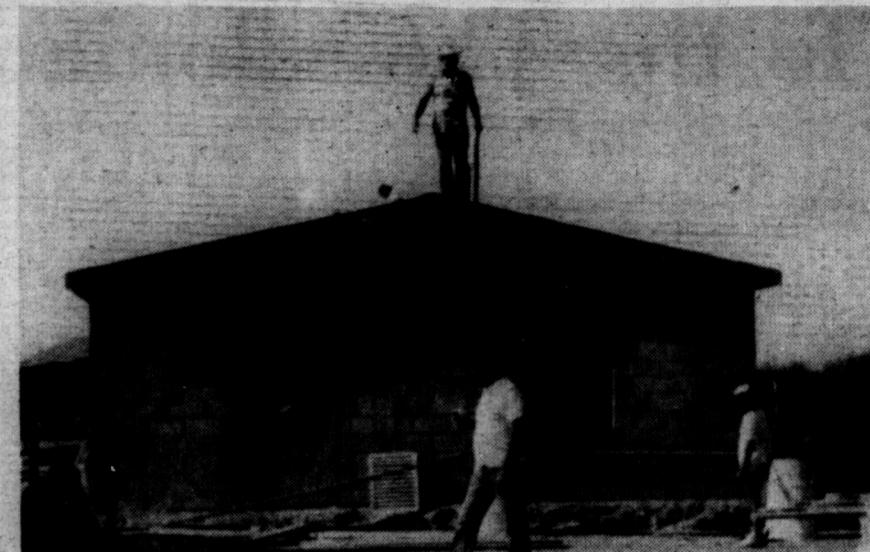
They traveled by bus across the desert to the village of Valdez, which, according to Rose Davis of Wanilla, "had not been reached with the message of Jesus Christ before." She

said, "The enthusiasm and eagerness of the people was overwhelming." There was one profession of faith that day.

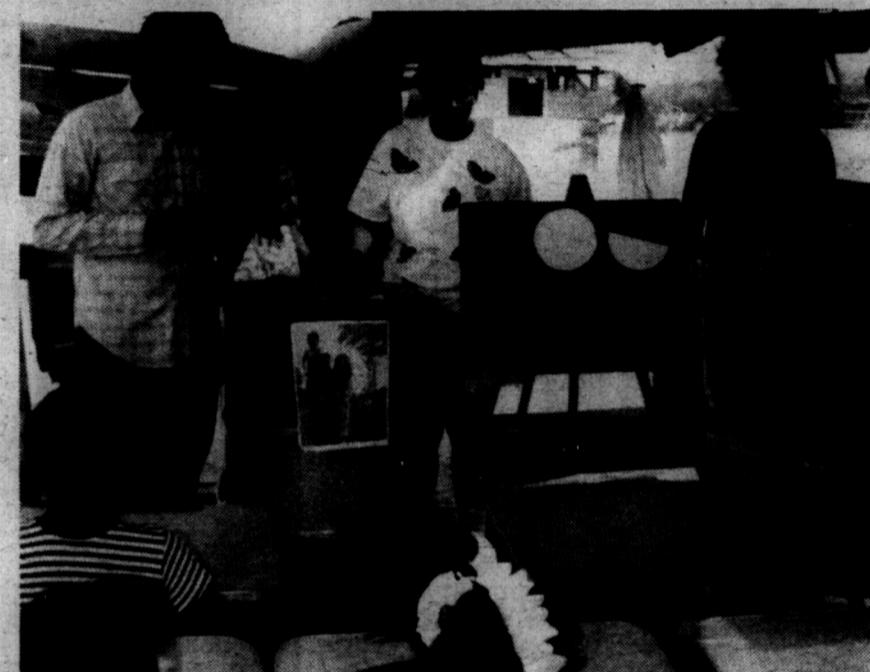
Also, at Nariz, they taught a night VBS for the children, while the adults attended evening worship services. Enrollment for both Bible schools was 132.

When the group left Nariz on June 27, at least 17 of the 20 were ill, suffering from "Montezuma's Revenge." But, says Rose Davis, "We were all on such a spiritual high that even being sick couldn't dampen our spirits. We continue to pray for the people there, and continued mission efforts there being led by Sammy Myers of Carson, Miss."

Those participating in the mission trip were Jody Lightsey, Ann Lightsey, Dori Lightsey, Debra Reynolds, Rick Davis, Pam Davis, Grant Davis, Billy Joe Boutwell, Shelly Jean Boutwell, Alton Letchworth, Elaine Letchworth, Brian Letchworth, Johnny Boyte, Linda Boyte, Jonathan Boyte, Amanda Boyte, Terry Davis, Rose Davis, Allison Davis, and Ashley Davis.



Wanilla members build pastor's home in Mexico.



Wanilla team members teach VBS in Mexico.



Mission team to Mexico included from left, kneeling: Debra Reynolds from Shiloh Church; Dori Lightsey, Billy Joe Boutwell, Amanda Boyte, Ashley Davis, Allison Davis, Brian Letchworth, Wanilla Church; and from left, standing: Johnny Boyte, Linda Boyte, Jody Lightsey, Ann Lightsey, Shelly Jean Boutwell, Rick Davis, Pam and Grant Davis, Jonathan Boyte, Terry Davis, Rose Davis, Elaine Letchworth, and Alton Letchworth, Wanilla.

## Gore sculpts statue of nurse for Baptist Medical Center

It's a piece fit for any museum in the country. This is the way most viewers are describing the life-size bronze bust of a nursing student as created by Sam Gore, head of the Mississippi College Department of Art. Even the modest Gore looks upon it as his "best piece ever."

Created for the Gilfoyle School of Nursing Alumni, forerunner of the Mississippi College School of Nursing, the bust is now in place in the lobby of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

"Through this sculpture I pay tribute to the medical profession in general and to the nursing profession in specific, and more specifically to the memory of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital-Gilfoyle School of Nursing," said Gore at the statue unveiling.

"In the best traditions of Christian higher education, this great school of nursing was committed to excellence and to unselfish service. Its successor, the Mississippi College School of Nursing,

sing, has continued this tradition, inspiring in its graduates an overall board exam pass-rate of 98.9 percent," said Gore.

Gore's grandfather, Albert C. Gore, was a country doctor who rode horseback in Webster County caring for his patients. Six of the doctor's descendants became medical doctors, including artist Gore's brother, Albert, and his daughter, Judy Gearhart.

Also, Sam Gore's wife, Margie, and his sister, Johnnie Weed, are both registered nurses. Adding strength to his personal involvement in the statue is the fact that all four of his children were born at Mississippi Baptist Hospital and were attended by Gilfoyle nurses.

"This student nurse reflects my study of some 15 years of yearbooks, a composite of many kind and lovely ladies, exemplifying the beauty of a Christ-like service," said Gore in unveiling his creation.

Another reason Gore has taken pride in the sculpture is the fact that

the entire project — from the beginning of the clay original through the lost-wax casting process — was done in its entirety in the art department of Mississippi College. Not many schools have this capability.

How do nurses themselves feel about the statue?

"When we commissioned Dr. Gore to sculpt the statue we asked that it not look like any particular student nurse. He did just that and yet the bronze bust represents Christianity, professionalism, education, and sincere empathy to all who visit her," said Brenda Castleberry, president of MBH/GSN Alumni Association.

Lisa Eichelberger, dean of the Mississippi College School of Nursing, said, "The strength, the beauty, and the commitment that one can see in her (the statue's) face eloquently communicates to those who will see her, the proud heritage of nursing. She is authentic from the Gilfoyle cap on the top of her head to the watch she wears on her wrist."



NURSING STUDENT SCULPTURE — Pictured from left are Sam Gore, head of the Mississippi College Art Department; Brenda Castleberry, president of the MBH/GSN Alumni Association; and Lisa Eichelberger, dean of the Mississippi College School of Nursing.

## ACTS television network is stable, RTVC says

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Members of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, meeting here, Sept. 11-12, were told the number of households able to receive programs of the ACTS television network remains stable in the face of predictions to the contrary.

The commission also adopted a \$7.75 million operating budget for 1989-90 and learned experimental delivery of its radio programs via satellite would begin in the fall. He announced there had been a net increase of ten cable systems affiliated with ACTS. With 9.1 million households, ACTS has "a potential viewing audience in excess of 23 million persons," said Mickey Castleberry, chairman of the commission's affiliate relations committee and a pastor from Montgomery, Ala.

The \$7.75 million operating budget for the Radio/TV Commission and ACTS would enable the agency "to pay the remainder of our short term operating loan and service the long term debt of the commission as well as continue at about the present level of operation," according to interim president Richard McCartney.

Radio vice president Ed Malone told the board that the commission would begin transmitting its six radio programs four days each week on the same Galaxy III satellite used by the ACTS network. The audio signal is a subcarrier on the same transponder used by ACTS, Malone said, and would be done without additional cost.

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